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Billions for Bad Blue Blood-

THE CURSE OF THE CORONET

by CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

WITH PORTRAITS OF TITLED BACHELORS

Note:—What sort of men are they who lure our American girls by the glitter of their titles? Are they such men as an American father would select were he given his choice; are they such men as an American brother would "pal" with? Or are they, after all, the least desirable of human creatures? Charles Edward Russell, in the following article, lifts the veil of romance. Here it is "The Man In The Case" who engages his attention in this amazing expose of International Marriages. In the preceding article it was seen how the American girl of wealth is trained for the title—here is shown, unmasked, the owner of that title. Read of him and remember what you've read when next the newspapers announce the sale of an American girl to such as he.

THERE is a certain species of human or semi-human creature drifting about the European capitals whose way of life is ever (to the novitiate in the American colony) a matter of infinite speculation.

He is always very well dressed, goes to the opera and the races, dines ostentatiously at the cafés, frequents the gambling places, is a conspicuous companion of the peroxide ladies, pursues daily a round of amusements that demand a long purse; and yet he is quite well known to be not only without income or visible employment but to be heavily in debt.

In most cases, and in all the significant instances, it is a broken-down nobleman who thus defies the ordinary laws of income and outgo. His family estate has long been exhausted or ruined, covered with mortgages, or seized by the money-lenders. He is, in point of fact, a mere genteel vagrant, tramp, and hobo. He does not own one tangible thing in this world, not even the shirt upon his back. He is possessed of no item of knowledge that any rational being would care to have. He has no trade; he contributes nothing to society; he toils not nor spins. Until the very tardy hand of the law or of fate is laid upon him he lives



Lord Glamis
(English)

by borrowing money, gaming at cards, acting as capper for a gambling house, or in one or another of those multitudinous other ways that have ever been open to such as he for almost ages.

Sometimes he combines several of these exalted employments; sometimes he lives more quietly upon one.

One such creature whom I have now in mind the boulevards of Paris and the social records of America will long remember. Paris is the best place to observe the type; not that the French have more than their share of broken-winded noblemen, but because in Paris their operations (practically the same everywhere) may be conducted with candor and abandon; elsewhere and particularly in London, there must be more or less pretense and concealment. I was sitting one night in the Café de la Paix when this person entered, trailed by a brazen woman of the "chemical blonde" variety. The coming of the pair made some slight commotion; people stopped talking to look, and I saw nudges and glances exchanged. It was no wonder, for the man was of a natural offensiveness that would be conspicuous anywhere: offensive in his pallid and unhealthy skin, his bearing of impudence and effrontery, his expression of cold sensuality, the waxed and carefully trained mustache, the immaculate hair, the extreme clothes, the perfumery wherewith he was overpoweringly scented. He was not in any way interesting; he was only repulsive, infinitely repulsive, and taken altogether, he was the most dreadful looking person I had ever seen.

I signaled to the experienced friend who was helping me to understand things Parisian, and he elevated his shoulders, disgustedly.

"That," he whispered across the table, "is the most notorious race-track tout and polite card-sharp in Paris. I don't believe there is a worse black-leg on the face of the earth. And



Lord Leconfield
(English)

he wont be on the face of the earth much longer. If he isn't shot within the next three or four years, his habits will kill him. He is what you call in America a 'dope-fiend.' Most of his kind are 'dope-fiends.' The woman he is with is a 'dope-fiend.' He wears corsets, paints his face, and the most honest way he has of making a living is by borrowing money from silly Americans who are proud of being fleeced by a nobleman. He's the Count de Lumtiloo, so-called. I suppose you know that his title is no good. His grandfather was a butcher."

Two weeks later the noble count sailed for America and the next news of him was his engagement to one of the wealthiest of our young women. They were married shortly afterward and their subsequent divorce gave the correspondents no end of material of no very exalted kind. The noble count, it was said, obtained his price to retire.

What was it that in her people's eyes and hers outweighed the hideous character of this man and the hideous degradation of the girl's sale?

His title. She was mad to be a countess.

Well, but what for, in the name of wonder? The title means nothing. There is no county of Lumtiloo. In 1832 there was in France a foolish king named Louis Phillipe, who, for reasons of his own, made up some so-called patents of nobility, which he offered for sale. A handful of popinjays—demented tradesmen and over-ambitious butchers—took their savings and purchased these precious documents at bargain-day rates. The people of France, recovering from a temporary aberration in which they had endured the king, drove that foolish person into appropriate exile and swept his bargain-sale nobility off the map. None of his patents even in his own time amounted to so much as a good joke and after his passing they were the most tiresome and footless of all pretensions.



Lord Lovat
(English)

Among them was the patent of the Count de Lumtiloo, and for the sake of that idiotic appendage a clever and intelligent American girl sold herself to a black-leg.

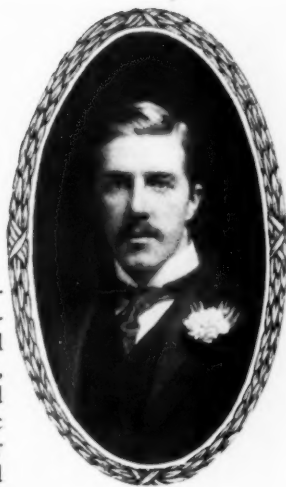
And she has had plenty of company in that market. Her case was in some ways a trifle extreme, and yet not essentially unlike many others. The fundamental principles remain the same. No matter what you may have heard do not believe that any foreign nobleman ever marries a rich American for any other reason than because he is driven, beaten, and goaded, up to the point where he is **OBLIGED** to marry her.

We in America do not seem to recognize these simple facts and our childish innocence is to the foreigner a source of endless amusement. Nothing is quite so comical as to see the smart Yankee taken in with the simplest and cheapest of bunco games. In Europe the thing is so well-known that it has been organized and capitalized and put upon a basis of system like circular tours or guide books. There is on the continent an admirably equipped International Marriage Bureau of which the sole business is to keep track of American heiresses and bring about their marriages to penniless noblemen. Lest to the uninitiated this may seem incredible I may state that the whole thing is of indubitable record. In September, 1903, the Austrian government became incensed at the bold operations of the branch of this bureau that was situated in Vienna and undertook to break it up. The well-appointed office of the bureau was seized and the principals were arrested. Among the paraphernalia found in the office was a set of books in which every marriageable heiress in America was registered and described. The arrangement seemed to be according to wealth. Thus, for convenience doubtless, at the left hand side of the page was a column on which was entered the maximum and minimum of each girl's probable dowry; next was a column

for the total wealth of the father, mother, or estate; and then followed much minute descriptive matter concerning the girl, her physical appearance, the family, the father's business, investments and prospects. There appeared among these remarks a great many cabalistic signs and letters. Thus one American father was described as B C K G and a girl was said to be O X M. A key subsequently discovered proved these letters to refer to many matters evidently not deemed suitable for too frank recording. Thus B C K G meant that the father was vulgar and ignorant but could probably be held up for a large dowry; and O X M related to details of the young woman's physical appearance. Many of the remarks thus concealed seemed to be of a somewhat disparaging nature, but it was evident that the bureau intended to deal fairly with its customers. About 10,000 American girls were catalogued in these books, often with startling details concerning the extent and nature of their fortunes as well as their looks.

The matter went into the courts where it received more or less sarcastic comment, but the government found itself unable to suppress the business, which still goes on, not only upon the continent, but quite as notably in England. Distressed noblemen are taken in charge by the bureau, which allows them to examine the books and helps them to make up a list of the most desirable dowries. Then the bureau finances the noblemen for a journey to America, arranges the necessary introductions and attends to the details. When the marriage is celebrated and the dowry paid, the bureau gets an agreed-upon percentage. Part of the business of the bureau is to hunt up impoverished noblemen and urge them to end their troubles by marrying American heiresses.

Such is the business on the continent. In England it is chiefly controlled by a certain



Earl of Percy
(English)



Lord Howard de Walden
(English)

group of American-born women who by these and other means equally unusual are enabled to live in London, keep up with society, give their dinners and see their names in the fashionable prints. They know well enough every American girl who has a fortune and they are ready to provide her with a titled Englishman—for money. When they are not engaged in this form of the trade in titles they are arranging (for money) the presentation of American girls at court, or securing (for money) the introduction of American girls into English "society." Strange tales they could tell if they were ever compelled to make their confessions.

About a year and a half ago one of them was moved by financial conditions to some indiscreet admissions about the achievements abroad of certain eminent society persons of Pittsburg, and the resulting shriek of agony re-echoed to the wintry moon. From that you can judge of the storm that would break if all of them should begin to talk.

But to return to the foreign nobleman.

It should be remembered that since the French Revolution and Napoleon the trade of noblemen has been sadly depressed all over Europe. In the good old days almost any nobleman if not quite too dull could always keep up his fortune by squeezing his tenantry or plundering the public revenues; but those days are no more. Now there are poor noblemen as well as rich noblemen. Certain English noblemen whose ancestors in those good old days grabbed off enormous estates are among the wealthiest men in the world and you may think it significant that not one of that class ever has taken an American wife or ever would if she were ten times lovelier than Venus when she rose from the sea. But you must remember that not having anything in the world to do many noblemen have for at least three generations consistently pursued dissipation as a vocation, and the re-



Viscount Curzon
(English)

sult is that of the noblemen of England more than one-third (being those whose ancestors did not grab as before stated) are among the social derelicts. Most of these are paupers.

One of the titled paupers of the last generation was the late unlamented Duke of Marlborough, father of his present Grace and directly descended from that John Churchill who used to rob his feminine friends and sold his sister in the grand and stately days of James the Second. It was taken as an almost admitted and understood fact that everything the Duke could sell had been sold. The whole vast estate of Blenheim was described as knee-deep in obligations. Buildings were falling down for lack of repairs; the very lodges were crumbling. Timber had been sold off the estate until the countryside howled and the mortgagees interfered. There were grim stories of famous paintings cut from their frames and of the sale of famous relics. The duke's predecessors had begun the spoilation; he was wholly incompetent to stay it. To such lengths was he reduced that accounts were current of his actual privation. He was middle-aged and came of a long-lived family, and what he was to do for subsistence the rest of his life was a problem full of complicated terrors.

Then it became rumored that his creditors suggested that he marry a rich American. He hated Americans and he hated and loathed the idea of allying himself (in matrimony) with anyone out of his class. But in his class was no available marriageable person with money; that was his trouble as it is the trouble with all his stripe; if there were enough titled heiresses to suffice you could shoot one of these dukes or counts before he would turn to America for his bride. So that was the way the case stood for Marlborough; he must needs take his disagreeable medicine. His creditors, it is said, financed the enterprise — on certain conditions.



Prince George
(Servian)

And he came over here and married a rich American widow, Lily Hammersley, whose father had made a fortune in the steamboat business.

In one respect the choice was unlucky for him. It was in the days before the market had been organized and the heiresses' offerings catalogued and there is no doubt that (in a way) he could have done better financially. Mrs. Hammersley was beautiful and brilliant and moderately enthusiastic about being a duchess, but she was also a very able business person. She had more sense in her little finger than the duke had in his whole dull ducal person. She married the duke but she kept in her own able hands the control of her fortune. The duke got money enough to live on and to stave off the money-lenders and all that; he was assured of his daily bread and of his clothes. But no part of the Hammersley millions was poured into the sink-hole of Blenheim and when the dear duke died none of his wife's property descended to his son, who was by a previous marriage. Hence the new duke, no wiser and no better, found himself in exactly the position the old duke had been in before the latter went out to hunt American dollars. There were Blenheim and all the rest of the property still collapsing under the load of debt and there was the dull and wondering duke burdened with expensive tastes and having no income.

But by this time the market had been placed on a proper and business-like basis and the American Ladies' International Marriage Bureau was in good working order in London. The astute persons who conducted it knew very well the effect of the typical American girl's education and training upon her ideas concerning titles. They knew American society and its real foundation. So they posted the young duke and he came into the market and with his title won Consuelo Vanderbilt and was probably allowed

enough cash to put Blenheim in repair, clear off the debts, lift the mortgages and leave a good balance for an enjoyable life in London.

Incidentally Miss Vanderbilt, who seems to have deserved a better fate, had drawn for a husband one of the most unamiable and undesirable young men she could have found in a search around this globe.

What the thing really was and the motives back of it may be gleaned from the following chapter of previously unwritten history. When the time came to fix a date for the wedding the eminent lady most actively concerned in the arrangements sent for the society reporter of the New York World, of which I was then the city editor, and sought his advice about the best ways to achieve a truly spectacular effect.

"When do you plan to have this thing?" said the reporter.

"Tuesday, November 5," said the lady.

"That will not do at all," said the reporter.

"Why not?" (surprisedly).

"Why, don't you know? That is election day and the papers will be full of nothing but election returns. You won't get half a column."

"I never thought of that. Of course that wouldn't do. I didn't know there was any election at hand. Why do they have elections now? Well, then, say the next week, Tuesday."

"That won't do either," said the reporter.

"That's Horse Show week. You know how it is when the Horse Show is on. The papers are given up to Horse Show pictures and stories. That will never do."

"Of course not. I never thought of that. How is the next week? Anything going on? No? Then we'll make it Tuesday, November 19, if that's a good day," and it was so ordered.

Meantime the happy young couple appeared nightly in a box at the Horse Show where their presence created a gratifying amount of excitement in all beholders.



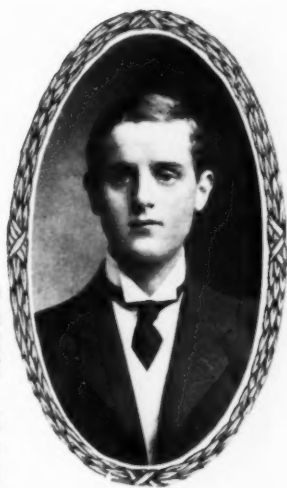
Earl of Granard
(English)



Duke of Alba
(Spanish)

In the case of the Duke of Manchester before he married Helen Zimmerman there was reported to be some hitch with the marriage brokerage office, and it was said the young man became disgusted with an arrangement by which for a percentage someone undertook to pick him a bride. Anyway, although he was stone-broke and no more than a stray about the resorts of London, he introduced a novelty by financing his own enterprise. He actually worked a little—to the huge scandal and disgrace of his order, doubtless. He was employed for a time on the New York American and actually wrote for it. The American received from London an inspired intimation that he would like a job and hired him on the spot. So he came over and adorned the pay roll. He contributed what we called in the trade "pretty good stuff." I mean it was fairly well written and intelligently handled. He impressed us as a not wholly uninteresting person, considering the terrible misfortune of his rank. But of course, he had an American mother, which made all the difference in the world. He went west after a time, married Miss Zimmerman and threw up his job. We were rather sorry. Much might have been done with him if he had been caught young!

The Earl of Yarmouth was reduced to such desperate straits that he turned actor—or so-called actor. Under the name of Eric Hope he was exhibited in one of Charles Frohman's pieces much in the way that persons becoming suddenly notorious used to be hired by the week for dime museums. The management apparently believed that the American public would be much moved at the piteous spectacle of the son of a hundred earls reduced to the necessity of earning his bread; but the American public didn't give a hang but only thought what a monstrously bad actor the noble earl made. From this painful predicament the noble



Lord Lulithgow
(English)

earl was rescued by a fortunate excursion into the rich girl market, to get to which cheaply and without the brokers he had used his so-called stage engagement. He married Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, sister of Harry Thaw. Of all the bargain hunters in that mart the noble earl seemed the least endurable. He was a thin-faced, awkward and somewhat sour-looking person and his coronet with him attached would have been dear at any price. His doting bride stood him for two years, during which time some hard earned American millions became lost in the yearning Yarmouth exchequer. After which there was a long-needed divorce. This, too, had been "a love match" and was one of the cases where the loving bridegroom held up the wedding march until more dowry had been produced.

Nothing in the American girl's part in these affairs becomes her like the leaving of them.

The Earl of Roslyn, who had squandered \$1,500,000 in seven months, was also for a time on the stage in the same manner as the precious Yarmouth had been, likewise for the same reasons and with the same results. He, too, picked from our market. The sequels of these purchases and the conditions in each story were so similar that one is rather moved to marvel. The coincidence, however, is not nearly so remarkable as the fact that almost immediately after the Countess of Roslyn had divorced her husband (with very shocking details that I need not rehearse here) the noble earl seemed likely to win another American girl from one of our choicest lots—a fact wholly inconsistent with the beautiful belief that we accept these suitors without knowing their real characters. I suppose, as a matter of fact, there is nothing a foreign title-bearer could do that would bar him from our market-place. Unless, perhaps, he should resign his title.

In both the Yarmouth and the Roslyn cases



Lord Chattan
(Scotch)

it was understood that the young noblemen ventured alone and unaided into the market because they could not make satisfactory terms with the International Marriage Bureau. Some said they would not make the requisite guarantees and some said there were other reasons. However this may be the lack of the bureau's management was not important in either case.

I suppose I need hardly say that all the noblemen who haunt our market-place and appraise our girls therein are not like the Yarmouth person and the Roslyn person. There are degrees in everything. We must not go so far, either, as to assume that every nobleman is wholly a blackguard. But almost every nobleman who hunts a rich American wife is a bankrupt, you may be sure of that for the first fact; he takes his American wife because he is forced to take her to secure her money, you may be sure of that for a second fact; in his heart he despises her race and her kind, you may be most sure of that for a third fact.

Sometimes the nobleman's poverty is the result of his own mad folly and sometimes of the mad folly of his ancestors. Either he is a gambler and a rake or his father or grandfather pursued those delectable callings. Very few English noblemen have lost their estates except by disreputable and insane means. That is to say, they have thrown their fortunes away upon their vices. How? Well, you can see how if you will get into the fashionable throng any night at a London music hall. The same old process is being repeated there all the time. You will hardly be cheered by the reflection (which is also the fact) that of every twenty such feeble-minded and feeble-bodied revelers one will marry a clever and beautiful American girl, nor by the further and quite unavoidable conclusion that she had better be married to a death's head with a bone in its mouth.

Thus they spend their time and thus their

money, or what purports to be theirs, probably the most idle, useless, and vapid lot on earth. It is in such a school that the typical young nobleman obtains his training. Sometimes, if he have money and a faint stirring of wit he marries his music hall girl and thereby convulses society with earthquake shocks. Sometimes, as in the case of the late Duke of Clarence, his way of life cuts him down when he should be in the prime of his best young years. Sometimes he drools on, living far beyond his income if he have any, the prey of all the sharks of London, buoyed along and kept out of jail by the amazing deference that in his country pertains to his title, ignoring his creditors, eating other men's food and wearing other men's clothes, until the last available farthing of the last available penny has been exhausted. Whereupon his creditors or his relatives or his cronies say:

"You must marry an American heiress."

Every drop of his thin blood rebels and boils up against the suggestion. For generations the breath in the nostrils of his ancestors has been the idea of superiority to the common herd. If they were not superior to the common herd they would have no excuse for being. One after another they have imbibed this thought and dwelt in it and drawn it into their blood and bones. Every waking moment of their lives it has been in some way present to them—that they were essentially different from other men. It has become more than an instinct with them: it is their life, it is **THEY**. They do not think of it nor reason of it: they feel it. They are of different clay, they of their own kind, they cannot but despise those different from them.

For many reasons Americans are peculiarly obnoxious to persons of this order. We are not only plebeians, but low, trading plebeians, and we have made our money in low, dishonorable ways. The very pretense we make to social distinctions and rank and recognition by an older



Lord Rocksavage
(English)



Duke d'Abruzzi
(Italian)

society renders us still more objectionable as upstarts and bounders. The sense of class is indomitable upon these persons. They feel seriously the duty incumbent upon all of them as supporters of the throne and of the old regime against republican encroachments. What! Marry one of those vulgar, trading, pushing Yankees? Nothing conceivable could be more abhorrent to the noble mind.

"It is the only way," says the sage counselor. "Think of your debts."

"But the dreadfully vulgar father and mother and all the rest of the vulgar tribe."

"You can keep them at a distance, and you don't have to live with your wife, you know."

So at last sheer desperation drives him to a course that he abhors and must ever abhor, and he makes his way to the girl mart of America. In most cases he must be amazed at the fervor of his reception. At home he is accustomed to be bowed down to for his rank but not to be adored for his personal character. Here he finds that his rank completely obscures his escapades. All the girl vendors run after him shamelessly and offer him bargains, and he is lionized and lauded everywhere, until going up and down the mart he picks the girl and the fortune that please him most.

To the girl, of course, this is the summit of her earthly dreams. Not that there is the slightest glamor about the earl or the count as a man, and not that she feels the slightest affection for him; she is a million times too shrewd to be deceived by any such forked radish. She knows fairly well the sort he is. But the title! All her training has been for social distinction and through it all has subtly run this ultimate creed that the object of life is to climb socially and the rounds for climbing are the caste system which in turn must rest upon the monarchical idea of which titles are an essential part. And now she is to have a title!

Because from the beginning the union is in every way hateful to him, and he cannot help it; from the beginning he despises his bride and cannot help that either. No matter how beautiful and good and clever she may be nothing can change the fatal fact that she is of plebeian origin. The importance of that fact in his eyes we can hardly understand. The leopard can change his spots more easily than our English nobleman can change the inherited instincts saturate in every drop of his blood.

For the last few years the trade in American women has been booming, and its growth and some other aspects of it have evoked much wondering comment abroad. Paris *Gil Blas*, a very wise observer, recently took up the matter and made some highly significant remarks. It said that such marriages were to be deplored and discountenanced because they were always unhappy and in the nature of the case could not be otherwise. It was difficult, said *Gil Blas*, to determine whether the results were worse for the man or for the woman. The man was made a reckless spendthrift and idler, and the woman was strangely transformed into something that *Gil Blas* was good enough to admit was very different from the typical American character. How and why she was thus changed *Gil Blas* did not explain, but the mystery may be more apparent after you shall have perused the final article on this subject which will appear in the next issue of **THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE**.

As affording additional light on the extent of the trade, I may mention that in the last twenty years 151 American women have married foreigners, classified as follows:

English, 71; French, 34; German, 15; Italian, 10; Russian, 8; Austrian, 4; Belgian, 3; Hungarian, 2; Spanish, 1; Polish, 1; Danish, 1; Portuguese, 1; in all 151.

Anything with a title, apparently is welcome in this market.



Marquis of Anglesey
(English)



Lord Dalmeny
(English)

Burke's Peerage in 1904 contained the names of 95 Americans who bore titles in England. Twenty-seven American women carry the empty but resounding name of "princess," not one of them, by the way, being princess of anything more than a moldy chateau from which Papa Silas has lifted the mortgage. The private fortunes of twenty-two American girls who in twelve years have been traded in this mart are estimated at \$160,000,000 and the total amount paid in dowries, remittances, allowances, debt settlements, mortgage clearances, claims, hush money, detectives' and lawyers' fees reaches a stupendous sum.

But the bargains are mostly bad. It is quite useless to say that the nobleman whose depravity is proved in a divorce court is the exception and the rest are nice fellows. It is equally idle to refer to the correct lives and the public services of men like the Duke of Norfolk and the Marquis of Salisbury and others who would as soon think of housing a rattlesnake as of marrying an American. Most foolish of all it is to suppose that the real objection to these unions has any relation to democratic prejudice.

For the whole situation there is one simple but perfect key, seldom referred to and yet, on reflection, most obvious. Even when the foreign nobleman is not a spendthrift, a blackguard, or a rake, he is, for two indubitable reasons, fundamentally unfit to become an American girl's husband. He has an innate contempt for work and he has an innate contempt for the vast majority of his fellow-men. And without the two great requisites of work and human sympathy there can be no such thing in this world as a tolerable character.

Note:—Mr. Russell has searched the divorce-court records of Europe and in The Red Book Magazine for November he will disclose his findings. That article will be the last word on International Marriages—"The Real Price the Woman Pays"—and it is a terrible price.

In Ye Olde Print Shop

The Gibson Girl
and
The Ibsen Girl



by John Corbin





NO MANNISH JOKE IS OLDER THAN THAT ABOUT FEMININE FASHIONS IN DRESS. ADAM, NO DOUBT, ROLLED ON THE TURF WITH LAUGHTER WHEN THE PLAIN GIRDLE OF FIG-LEAVES WENT OUT WITH EVE, AND FIG-LEAVES BRAIDED WITH DAISIES CAME IN. BUT THE

feminine heart is swayed by deeper and more meaning changes, which the crude male for the most part does not recognize—changes in ideals and in character. And if the one lays a heavy tax on his pocket, the other frequently threatens his happiness entire.

Now and then a man perceives this deeper danger clearly. Seventeenth Century Paris had its æsthetic woman and its blue-stockings, and Molière made the court and the city roar at their expense. He disposed of them quite, for the time. But soul-fashions, which in his day were of the most limited vogue, are now as universal as democracy. The Sunday-papers and the theatres have looked to that. And our duller English perceptions are quite at a loss to see what it means when—to take the latest example—the Gibson Girl goes out and the Ibsen Girl comes in.

For the Ibsen Girl has come in—that unlovely, self-willed creature of the gloomy Norseman, whom James Huneker once called "The Man With the Midnight Whiskers." Month after month his plays stand next to the best seller in the lists of popular adult fiction.



The Gibson Girl and the Ibsen Girl

Just how do soul-fashions spread among us? It may help in a difficult inquiry if we see how the feminine instinct works with regard to fashions in clothes. Many have assumed, reasoning by analogy with the lower animals, that women dress in obedience to the ruling natural passion—that of attracting us men. If it were only so! The lower animals have as little to do with it as we have. It is the male lion, not the female, who decks out his shoulders in superfluous fur. It is the cock-pheasant, not the hen, who disports a Camille Roget hat. And in barbarous times it was men who led in splendid costume. If women dressed to please us, would they be constantly throwing us into fits of derisive laughter? Neither our approval nor our ridicule moves them in this matter. Man is still the pursuing animal, but he has learned that what wins out with the sex is not his own clothes but a bank-book capable of supplying theirs.

No doubt it would be doing women an injustice to charge them with taking any real æsthetic pleasure in the hideous things they wear. The process of logical exclusion leaves only one possible motive: the desire to give other women pain. It is barbarous, but true. Artaxerxes took great delight in galloping over his defeated enemies in a chariot bristling with scythes; and so does a leader of fashion when she drives down Fifth Avenue wearing the latest model from Paris. The enemies of Artaxerxes were eager to save their own skins by giving



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themselves up to him in slavery; and women are quite as eager to sell their birthright in order to follow every new style.

Few women will admit, of course, that these things are so. All have a sense of being personally beautiful when all look alike, however ugly. The mysterious fetich of good form envelops ugliness in a sacred glamour.

The fashions that when seen to-day in the files of illustrated magazines, cause an involuntary smile of ridicule, will seem beautiful when next they have come from the shop of the Parisian Czars of fashion—as they surely will come, for there are limits even to the garment of ugliness. A little while ago hats raked upward and backward from an inch in front of the nose to within speaking distance of the zenith. At matinée time, Broadway and Fifth Avenue looked like an international yacht-race down the bay, with hundreds of competitors. When the girl had a downward pointing nose, the rake of her hat made it seem to spike the pavement. When her nose was short and upturned, her hat seemed to be lifting her by it prematurely up to heaven.

This, however, was about the only difference one noticed in girls. The essence of personal beauty, of course, lies in distinction—the intangible something which, if we would only let it, would make each one of us worth a second and many following glances, and which would make every walk on the avenue, every ride in a street-car, a training to the sense of charac-



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ter and beauty. And what is true of the girl in the street is no less true of the girl in the limousine. She may be simple Sally Brown, but she has an English footman beside her chauffeur, with a cockade in his hat, and the car door is ornamented with a crest. A few years ago a leader of metropolitan fashion put her footmen in a curious maroon colored livery. The next year everyone had maroon colored livery—except that leader of fashion.

This is precisely the sort of thing that happens to our standard of manners and of conduct. The changes are less obvious, but for that reason, perhaps, all the more subtle and pervading. A few years ago the American girl saw herself in the drawings of Charles Dana Gibson—or, if she did not, she looked to it that she presently did. That, at least, it will be said, was a beautiful vision! Externally it was; inwardly, too, it had quality; it was a true soul-fashion.

No one could talk with the artist ten minutes and not realize that here was a spirit of might. Walking down Fifth Avenue in the shadow of that huge form, F. Hopkinson Smith once exclaimed, "You splendid grenadier!" The epithet spoke something less than the truth, and something more. Your typical grenadier falls in love with a chit of femininity who clings to him as the ivy clings to the oak—and not infrequently strangles him with enveloping tenderness. The vision of this artist was remarkable for feminine beauty, but above that it



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had a more than feminine robustness and independence. She was not so much the mistress of the affections of the Gibson man as his fellow—and what a good fellow!

Under the spell of those early drawings Goethe's ideal of the ever womanly seemed to shrink and grow pale. What we all looked for, in fiction and in life, was not that Gretchen

creature, instinct with eternal devotion and self-sacrifice, but a woman who was also a comrade. It was the decade that brought us the country-club. Our young girls played golf and tennis, they rode to the hounds and followed the dogs afield. In town their lives were even more ample and splendid. At the most liberal estimate the four hundred does not number above some thousands; but who would ever suspect a Gibson Girl of passing beyond the mystic number whatever it is? Evening-gowns and splendidly furnished dinner-tables became the ideals of the hundreds upon thousands of Mr. Gibson's votaries.

One field of comradeship, however, was open. With a glad accord they discovered the music-hall and the restaurant, and went to both with men, under a minimum of chaperonage, or none. To many young women now in the thirties, the thing that most vividly recalls their girlhood is not the color or the perfume of a flower but the smell of stale tobacco-smoke while they were undoing their hair!

Has the Gibson Girl "gone out?" It is impossible to speak of these things with assurance. Our young women are, happily, as beautiful as ever. The furore for out-of-



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doors has declined; but they still find health and enjoyment in sports. They frequent restaurants and music-halls, though less conspicuously. One thing, however, is certain. Gibson himself has gone out, at least the Gibson with whom we are familiar. And, among other things, it was the Gibson Girl who extinguished him.

The trouble with his good-fellow girl seems to be that her charm lay chiefly in novelty. Essentially she was a fashion, and a fashion that struck only a little deeper into actuality than the latest thing in hats. Before she appeared upon the scene, the world had gone on, for thousands upon thousands of years, swayed by a few simple passions; and those are the passions in the sway of which it must still go on—or perish. And what had she to tell us about these things? Nothing, or next to nothing. Hitherto comradeship had been a thing between men, and the very fineness of its quality proceeds from the fact that it was free of the engrossment, the thralldom, if you will, of sex. In order to achieve comradeship, our young women were obliged to deny their fundamental instincts, or so modify them as to destroy their value. An observer has described this American girl as half-athletic boy and half demi-mondaine.

It may be questioned, also, whether our young men find any deep contentment in the comradely wife. She is the most expensive of delights. Whether or not her own home has given her the joys of sport and fashionable society, she looks to her husband to bring them. Some





years ago, a woman wrote an article showing that no young couple could live, even on the outskirts of New York society, on less than seven thousand a year, and was ridiculed far and wide. But she knew what she was writing about. To-day the figure would be nearer ten thousand. A Hindoo reveres a white elephant as the most sacred freak of nature; but he

doesn't go out of his way to add one to his household. First and last we are a serious people, and even in the glamour of love's young dream a man will think twice before incurring responsibilities that risk the future of his business or profession. The clubs are full of fellows who are content with single blessedness and solvency. The town is populous with young women who have not been able to convince any man that they would prove an asset, and not a liability.

For a variety of reasons, the Gibson fashion is on the wane. Most powerful of all, perhaps, is the fact that it does not appeal to any deep instinct in women themselves. Nature will not be put down. Drive it out at the door and it will fly in at the window. And so we are beginning to have the Ibsen girl. There is no question here of anything as trivial as country-clubs and comradeship! Ibsen is a surgeon to the social body who never performs a minor operation. He sinks his scalpel in a vital spot, or withholds it altogether. And it is the vitality of his touch which has commanded the attention of the entire civilized world, in spite of the grim and



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terrible images which his clinic reveals to us.

Whatever passion a woman's heart may suffer, so long as it is a real passion, she finds it portrayed in these Norwegian middle-class plays. If she is ambitious, and longs to have her finger in the pie of a great man's destiny, there is Hilda Wrangel, who, sweeping into the life of the Master Builder, incited him to his supreme effort—and to destruction. Then there is Rebecca West, who began by worming herself into power with the master of Rosmersholm, and ended by loving him with a sincerity and truth which drove her to expiate her sins in death. Is the Ibsenite married to a man who despises her intellectuality, and relegates her to the nursery and the kitchen? It is a thing unlikely in America, but if it happens, there is Nora, in "The Doll's House," who, in order to find her true self leaves her husband and three children and goes out into the world, alone but free. Is she married to a profligate, who has poisoned her body and soul? There is Mrs. Aveling in "Ghosts," who, failing in her attempt at freedom, acquiesced in conventional self-sacrifice, and lived to see that she had wrecked not only her own life but that of her son. The man who speaks with such accents to the feminine heart is, in the curious sequence of soul-fashions, the logical successor to the creator of the Gibson Girl.

It is a quaint thing when the soul is subject to this rule of fashion. A true woman can make as many things





of her Ibsen as she can of a ribbon to put in her hat. The socialists claimed him for their own, and he would have none of them. He is as little bound by conventional morality as they, but that is because he believes in the right of the individual to live his own life in his own way, whereas the socialist would make the individual subject in everything to the state. Then the

suffragists tried to annex him. In a public speech he told them politely but very firmly that he would have none of them.

Ibsen was no philosopher, no politician, no economist. He was a dramatist, and the only thing that interested him was the human heart. Women who coveted freedom only to gratify trivial and unworthy impulses, he despised from the depths of his cold, grim spirit. And he wrote "Hedda Gabler" to show them their image. Here was a woman who had loved an erratic man of genius, as much as it was in her to love anyone, but had been too cowardly to face life with him. She married a professor instead; and when, as it happened, he proved less successful than she had expected, she killed herself rather than bear him a child in humble circumstances. It took the hand that had portrayed so many brave, if willful hearts, to show us how sordid and cowardly a woman can be when she has forsaken the deeper promptings of natural instincts. The Ibsen Girl, alas, is generally a Hedda Gabler when not an amiable idiot.

Mme. Alla Nazimova has been playing various Ibsen



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heroines in New York for upward of two years. A dear little Ibsen woman took her husband to see one of the plays. Now it happens that Mme. Nazimova is a bewitcher of masculine hearts. The husband was wise in his generation. When asked how he liked her, he said: "I don't pretend to understand these high-brow plays. But what a stunning gown she has on! Why don't you wear gowns like that?"

It would have been a charming speech, except for the fact that the wife had worn just such a gown the previous Autumn, and he had never noticed it. Tears followed, and Ibsenite threats of separation. But the tragedy of this sort of an Ibsen woman has usually a happy ending. In this case the happy ending was another, even more beautiful, gown.

The most prominent of revolted women are not, alas, above such amiable foibles. Several of the English suffragettes have lately come to America to gain adherents to their cause. One of them was guest of honor at a luncheon in the most fashionable of woman's clubs, a recent feature of New York life, which is in all respects like a man's club. In England she had been arrested for public violence and thrown into jail, together with common criminals. In order to get into the country at all she had to come by way of Canada, to evade the law against criminal immigrants. But instead of resenting the indignity of all this, she gloried in it. Her mission had, however, been a comparative failure. "I find," she said, "that your women are absurdly bourgeoisie. They



seem to shrink from publicity. Now, in England, among the better classes, it is the aim of every woman to make herself notorious."

One of the men present, to draw her on, mentioned a book on *The Evolution of Sex*, the tone of which is strongly anti-suffragist. The author, having shown that from the dawn of life the sexes have constantly tended

to become more different, with more highly specialized functions, pointed out that to give men and women the same function in the state would be anti-evolutionary. "What was ordained among the protozoans," he concludes, "cannot be undone by act of parliament."

"Oh yes," said the jail-bird suffragette, "it used to be the fashion for our women to dress like men, with trousers and choker-collars, and all that. To-day, we quite agree with your biologist. For instance, when I was arrested, I had on a simple, sheer silk gown and black hat—quite pretty, you know!" And with a few waves of an expressive hand she outlined the whole costume so that every woman present understood how pretty it was, and how far advanced evolutionally from anything that could have been worn by a protozoan!

There are, of course, many women who understand Ibsen and who have found in his plays, and in the ferment of modern thought generally, an impulse to a noble freedom. But even that has somehow failed to win the American man. If he finds the Gibson Girl is a matrimonial problem, the Ibsen Girl, and most of all, perhaps, the



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Ibsen Girl of formidable intellect, is an impossibility. Advanced women, to be sure, generally profess to abhor the holy estate. But now and then the truth comes out in spite of pride. Some years before her death Susan B. Anthony said to Miss Willard, "There are times, Frances, when I feel the need of the sustaining power of a mere man's love." Mere man is, of course, ridiculous. But the singularly perverse power that ordained this human scheme made masculine love a very useful commodity.

Not all advanced women are as successful as Miss Anthony and Miss Willard. The revolt which warmed many a strong girl's youth has left her a cheerless old age. In one of our larger cities to-day there is a doctor of medicine, with a degree from a leading medical school, who alone in the world at the age of sixty, is carrying on a daily fight with starvation. Until the Spanish war she had a living practice; but obeying one of those impulses which are so beautiful in women and so disastrous to the self-supporting citizen, she left it to nurse the wounded. When the war was over her practice had vanished. She now earns the few dollars necessary to keep life in her body by selling toilet-lotions to women who buy them out of charity. That is a considerable price to pay for following the fashion.

It would be well for the world if, in dress and in ideas, each woman, and each man, too, followed only such styles as are consistent with the eternal verities, and at

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the same time with his own individuality. Character consists in being one's self, simply and powerfully. Beauty lies in being one's self sweetly, finely, persuasively. And unless a prevailing mode expresses character, and puts the touch of beauty on it, it is bad, if not ruinous.

It is as hard to have style, in character and in clothes, as it is easy to be stylish. Yet it is not impossible. To the observing traveler, one city in the world is more remarkable for its women than Paris—Vienna. The Rue de la Paix and the Avenue de l'Opera still lead in the matter of style, but for Style one has to go to the Kohlmarkt and the Ringstrasse. The Austrian women follow the modes, it is true, but not slavishly. Somehow or other they manage to give every dud they wear the touch of individual distinction.

And it is the same with those other fashions. Since the days of the Holy Roman Empire Vienna has been the most cosmopolitan of cities—the central point in the great highway between Northern and Southern Europe. But though cosmopolitan, it has ever guarded most jealously its own distinctive character. Its aristocracy has the reputation of being the most individual and exclusive on the Continent. Always a follower and never a leader in the arts—if we except light-opera and dance-music—it abdicates to no fashion. It either rejects it entire or infuses it with its own peculiar spirit.

Half a generation ago the American girl was a creature apart, the product of a new environment, with new and



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profoundly interesting characteristics. Henry James fixed her in literature once for all, in his crude but fine and free Daisy Miller. And American womanhood arose en masse and anathematized him! They bourgeoisie and provincial? Perish the thought! But they were accused by their own excuses. Too provincial to value the rare and innately noble traits of that young woman, they were also too provincial to tolerate her crudity. Since then our women have learned to follow world-fashions, and the result is that the American girl is no more.

This is true, at least of the larger cities. In remoter places Daisy Miller is still to be found, as you may find the beautiful old peasant costumes and customs in remote corners of Europe. Only a few months ago I was present at the opening of an undergraduate club or union at the Iowa State College. It was Hallowe'en, and the entertainment consisted in roasting apples and toasting marshmallows at the open fire-places, boys and girls together. My hostess who, by virtue of her office of secretary in the association, was one of the chaperons, was the last young woman to leave, with the exception of a friend who was lingering over the fire with a young man.

"Genevieve!" she cried, as we were going. "Genevieve!"

The girl at the fire nodded over her shoulder and said, "We're coming!"

But they did not come, and we went forth to the woman's dormitory alone.



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"I'm afraid," I said to my hostess, "that she has no just respect for your office as chaperon."

"Oh, it's all right," she answered. "She is the president!"

Here, as elsewhere in the Middle West, European styles in conduct have made only the most superficial impression. Young men and young women go out together for long

buggy rides, even dine together unchaperoned at country hotels. In this respect the Gibson Girl is nationally typical. But these young women of the West are a whole world removed from their sisters of Fifth Avenue. They are gaining a serious education with a view to honest self-support as teachers, and the subject they most often select is domestic economy, pursued as a science. In the end, they marry. It is amazing, but none the less true, that graduates of Smith and Wellesley and Vassar, proud in the possession of an education as mannish as possible, do not recognize the Western degree in domestic science as a qualification for membership in associations of college women. And in the wide range of our magazine illustration, who celebrates this frank and wholesome American Hallowe'en girl?

Yet she remains the most significant and the most appealing type of American womanhood. Without the glamor of ugly fashion, and without the glamor of pseudo-intellectual fad, she has gained all the essentials of emancipation and at the same time sacrificed none of the traits of vital womanhood. And the future is hers.



The Enemy of all the World

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IT was Silas Bannerman who finally ran down that scientific wizard and arch-enemy of mankind, Emil Gluck. Gluck's confession, before he went to the electric-chair, threw much light upon the series of mysterious events, many apparently unrelated, that so perturbed the world between the years 1933 and 1941. It was not until that remarkable document was made public that the world dreamed of there being any connection between the assassination of the King and Queen of Portugal and the murders of the New York City police-officers. While the deeds of Emil Gluck were all that was abominable, we cannot but feel, to a certain extent, pity for the unfortunate, malformed, and maltreated genius. This side of his story has never been told before, and from his confession and from the great mass of evidence and the documents and records of the time we are able to construct a fairly accurate portrait of him, and to discern the factors and pressures that moulded him into the human monster he became and that drove him onward and downward along the fearful path he trod.

Emil Gluck was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1895. His father, Josephus Gluck, was a special policeman and night-watchman, who, in the year 1900, died suddenly of pneumonia. The mother, a pretty, fragile creature, who, before her marriage, had been a milliner, grieved herself to death over the loss of her husband. This sensitiveness of the mother was the heritage that in the boy became morbid and horrible.

In 1901, the boy, Emil, then six years of age, went to live with his aunt, Mrs. Ann Bartell. She was his mother's sister, but in her breast was no kindly feeling for the sensitive, shrinking boy. Ann

Bartell was a vain, shallow, and heartless woman. Also, she was cursed with poverty and burdened with a husband who was a lazy, erratic ne'er-do-well. Young Emil Gluck was not wanted, and Ann Bartell could be trusted to impress this fact sufficiently upon him. As an illustration of the treatment he received in that early, formative period, the following instance is given.

When he had been living in the Bartell home a little more than a year, he broke his leg. He sustained the injury through playing on the forbidden roof—as all boys have done and will continue to do to the end of time. The leg was broken in two places between the knee and thigh. Emil, helped by his frightened playmates, managed to drag himself to the front sidewalk, where he fainted. The children of the neighborhood were afraid of the hard-featured shrew who presided over the Bartell house; but, summoning their resolution, they rang the bell and told Ann Bartell of the accident. She did not even look at the little lad who lay stricken on the sidewalk, but slammed the door and went back to her wash-tub. The time passed. A drizzle came on, and Emil Gluck, out of his faint, lay sobbing in the rain. The leg should have been set immediately. As it was, the inflammation rose rapidly and made a nasty case of it. At the end of two hours, the indignant women of the neighborhood protested to Ann Bartell. This time she came out and looked at the lad as he lay helpless at her feet. Also she hysterically disowned him. He was not her child, she said, and recommended that the ambulance be called to take him to the city receiving-hospital. Then she went back into the house.

It was a woman, Elizabeth Shepstone,

who came along, learned of the situation, and had the boy placed on a shutter. It was she who called the doctor, and who, brushing aside Ann Bartell, had the boy carried into the house. When the doctor arrived, Ann Bartell promptly warned him that she would not pay him for his services. For two months the little Emil lay in bed, the first month on his back without once being turned over; and he lay neglected and alone, save for the occasional visits of the unremunerated and overworked physician. He had no toys, nothing with which to beguile the long and tedious hours. No kind word was spoken to him, no soothing hand laid upon his brow, no single touch or act of loving tenderness—naught but the reproaches and harshness of Ann Bartell, and the continually reiterated information that he was not wanted. And it can well be understood, in such environment, how there was generated in the lonely, neglected boy much of the bitterness and hostility for his kind that was later to express itself in deeds so frightful as to terrify the world.

It would seem strange that from the hands of Ann Bartell, Emil Gluck should have received a college education; but the explanation is simple. Her ne'er-do-well husband, deserting her, made a strike in the Nevada gold-fields, and returned to her a many times millionaire. Ann Bartell hated the boy, and immediately she sent him to the Farristown Academy, a hundred miles away. Shy and sensitive, a lonely and misunderstood little soul, he was more lonely than ever at Farristown. He never came home, at vacation and holidays, as the other boys did. Instead, he wandered about the deserted buildings and grounds, befriended and misunderstood by the servants and gardeners, reading much, it is remembered, spending his days in the fields or before the fireplace with his nose poked always in the pages of some book. It was at this time that he over-used his eyes and was compelled to take up the wearing of glasses, which same were so prominent in the photographs of him published in the newspapers in 1941.

He was a remarkable student. Application, such as his, would have taken

him far; but he did not need application. A glance at a text meant mastery for him. The result was that he did an immense amount of collateral reading and acquired more in half a year than did the average student in half-a-dozen years. In 1909, barely fourteen years of age, he was ready—"more than ready," the head-master of the academy said—to enter Yale or Harvard. His juvenility prevented him from entering those universities, and so, in 1909, we find him a freshman at historic Bowdoin College. In 1913 he graduated with highest honors, and immediately afterward followed Professor Bradlough to Berkeley, California. The one friend that Emil Gluck discovered in all his life was Professor Bradlough. The latter's weak lungs had led him to exchange Maine for California, the removal being facilitated by the offer of a professorship in the state university. Throughout the year 1914, Emil Gluck resided in Berkeley and took special scientific courses. Toward the end of that year two deaths changed his prospects and his relations with life. The death of Professor Bradlough took from him the one friend he was ever to know, and the death of Ann Bartell left him penniless. Hating the unfortunate lad to the last, she cut him off with one hundred dollars.

The following year, at twenty years of age, Emil Gluck was enrolled as an instructor in chemistry in the University of California. Here the years passed quietly; he faithfully performed the drudgery that brought him his salary, and, a student always, he took half-a-dozen degrees. He was, among other things, a Doctor of Sociology, of Philosophy, and of Science, though he was known to the world, in later days, only as Professor Gluck.

He was twenty-seven years of age when he first sprang into prominence in the newspapers through the publication of his book, "Sex and Progress." The book remains to-day a milestone in the history and philosophy of marriage. It is a heavy tome of over seven hundred pages, painfully careful and accurate, and startlingly original. It was a book for scientists, and not one calculated to

make a stir. But Gluck, in the last chapter, using barely three lines for it, mentioned the hypothetical desirability of trial marriages. At once the newspapers seized upon those three lines, "played them up yellow," as the slang was in those days, and set the whole world laughing at Emil Gluck, the bespectacled young professor of twenty-seven. Photographers snapped him; he was besieged by reporters; women's clubs throughout the land passed resolutions condemning him and his immoral theories; and on the floor of the California Assembly, while discussing the state appropriation to the University, a motion demanding the expulsion of Gluck was made under threat of withholding the appropriation—of course none of his persecutors had read the book; the twisted newspaper version of only three lines of it was enough for them. Here began Emil Gluck's hatred for newspapermen. By them his serious and intrinsically valuable work of six years had been made a laughing-stock and a notoriety. To his dying day, and to their everlasting regret, he never forgave them.

It was the newspapers that were responsible for the next disaster that befell him. For the five years following the publication of his book he had remained silent, and silence for a lonely man is not good. One can conjecture sympathetically the awful solitude of Emil Gluck in that populous university; for he was without friends and without sympathy. His only recourse was books, and he went on reading and studying enormously. But in 1927 he accepted an invitation to appear before the Human-Interest Society of Emeryville. He did not trust himself to speak, and as we write we have before us a copy of his learned paper. It is sober, scholarly, and scientific, and, it must also be added, conservative. But in one place he dealt with, and I quote his words, "the industrial and social revolution that is taking place in society." A reporter, present, seized upon the word "revolution," divorced it from the text, and wrote a garbled account that made Emil Gluck appear an anarchist. At once, "Professor Gluck, anarchist," flamed over the wires and was

appropriately "featured" in all the newspapers in the land.

He had attempted to reply to the previous newspaper-attack, but now he remained silent. Bitterness had already corroded his soul. The university faculty appealed to him to defend himself, but he sullenly declined, even refusing to enter in defense a copy of his paper to save himself from expulsion. He refused to resign, and was discharged from the university faculty. It must be added, that political pressure had been put upon the university regents and the president.

Persecuted, maligned, and misunderstood, the forlorn and lonely man made no attempt at retaliation. All his life he had been sinned against, and all his life he had sinned against no one. But his cup of bitterness was not yet full to overflowing. Having lost his position, and being without any income, he had to find work. His first place was at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, where he proved a most able draughtsman. It was here that he obtained his first-hand knowledge of battleships and their construction. But the reporters discovered him and featured him in his new vocation. He immediately resigned and found another place; but after the reporters had driven him away from half-a-dozen positions, he steeled himself to brazen out the newspaper-persecution. This occurred when he started his electro-plating establishment in Oakland, on Telegraph Avenue. It was a small shop, employing three men and two boys. Gluck himself worked long hours. Night after night, as Policeman Carew testified on the stand, he did not leave the shop till one and two in the morning. It was during this period he perfected the improved ignition-device for gas-engines, the royalties from which ultimately made him wealthy.

He started his electro-plating establishment early in the Spring of 1928, and it was the same year that he formed the disastrous love-attachment for Irene Tackley. Now, it is not to be imagined that an extraordinary creature such as Emil Gluck could be any other than an extraordinary lover. In addition to his genius, his loneliness, and his morbidness, it must be taken into consideration

that he knew nothing about women. Whatever tides of desire flooded his being, he was unschooled in the conventional expression of them, while his excessive timidity was bound to make his love-making unusual. Irene Tackley was a rather pretty young woman, but shallow and light-headed. At the time she worked in a small candy-store across the street from Gluck's shop. He used to come in and drink ice-cream sodas and lemon-squashes, and stare at her. It seems the girl did not care for him, and merely played with him. He was "queer," she said; and at another time she called him a crank, when describing how he sat at the counter and peered at her through his spectacles, blushing and stammering when she took notice of him, and often leaving the shop in precipitate confusion.

Gluck made her the most amazing presents—a silver tea-service, a diamond ring, a set of furs, opera-glasses, a ponderous "History of the World" in many volumes, and a motor-cycle all silver-plated in his own shop. Enters now the girl's lover, putting his foot down, showing great anger, compelling her to return Gluck's strange assortment of presents. This man, William Sherbourne, was a gross and stolid creature, a heavy-jawed man of the working-class who had become a successful building-contractor in a small way. Gluck did not understand. He tried to get an explanation, attempting to speak with the girl when she went home from work in the evening. She complained to Sherbourne, and one night he gave Gluck a beating. It was a very severe beating, for it is on the records of the Red Cross Emergency Hospital that Gluck was treated there that night and was unable to leave the hospital for a week.

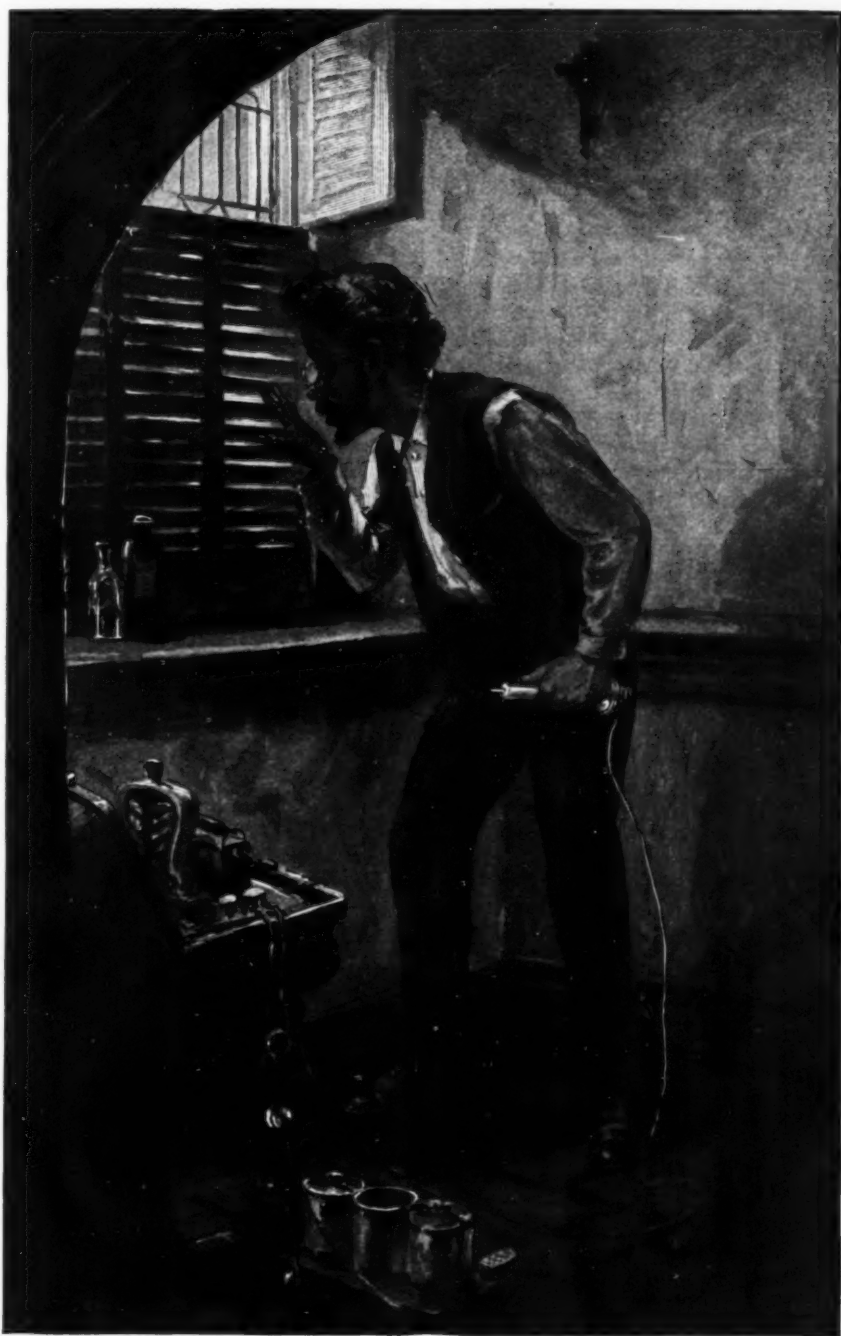
Still Gluck did not understand. He continued to seek an explanation from the girl. In fear of Sherbourne, he applied to the chief-of-police for permission to carry a revolver, which permission was refused, the newspapers as usual playing it up sensationally. Then came the murder of Irene Tackley, six days before her contemplated marriage with Sherbourne. It was on a Saturday night. She had worked late in the candy-store,

departing after eleven o'clock with her week's wages in her purse. She rode on a San Pablo Avenue surface-car to Thirty-fourth Street, where she alighted and started to walk the three blocks to her home. That was the last seen of her alive. Next morning she was found, strangled, in a vacant lot.

Emil Gluck was immediately arrested. Nothing that he could do could save him. He was convicted, not merely on circumstantial evidence, but on evidence "cooked up" by the Oakland police. There is no discussion that a large portion of the evidence was manufactured. The testimony of Captain Shehan was the sheerest perjury, it being proved long afterward that on the night in question he had not only not been in the vicinity of the murder, but that he had been out of the city in a resort on the San Leandro Road. The unfortunate Gluck received life-imprisonment in San Quentin, while the newspapers and the public held that it was a miscarriage of justice—that the death penalty should have been visited upon him.

Gluck entered San Quentin prison on April 17, 1929. He was then thirty-four years of age. And for three years and a half, much of the time in solitary confinement, he was left to meditate upon the injustice of man. It was during that time that his bitterness corroded him and he became a hater of all his kind. Three other things he did during the same period: he wrote his famous treatise, "Human Morals;" his remarkable brochure, "The Criminal Sane;" and he worked out his awful and monstrous scheme of revenge. It was an episode that had occurred in his electro-plating establishment that suggested to him his unique weapon of revenge. As stated in his confession, he worked every detail out theoretically during his imprisonment, and was able, on his release, immediately to embark on his career of vengeance.

His release was sensational. Also it was miserably and criminally delayed by the soulless legal red-tape then in vogue. On the night of February 1, 1932, Tim Haswell, a hold-up man, was shot during an attempted robbery by a citizen of Piedmont Heights. Tim Haswell lingered



Emil Gluck watching the effects of his experiment

three days, during which time he not only confessed to the murder of Irene Tackley, but furnished conclusive proofs of the same. Bert Danniker, a convict dying of consumption in Folsom Prison, was implicated as accessory, and his confession followed. It is inconceivable to us of to-day—the bungling, dilatory processes of justice a generation ago. Emil Gluck was proved in February to be an innocent man, yet he was not released until the following October. For eight months, a greatly wronged man, he was compelled to undergo his unmerited punishment. This was not conducive to sweetness and light, and we can well imagine how he ate his soul with bitterness during those dreary eight months.

He came back to the world in the Fall of 1932, as usual a "feature" topic in all the newspapers. The papers, instead of expressing heartfelt regret, continued their old sensational persecution. One paper, the *San Francisco Intelligencer*, did more. John Hartwell, its editor, elaborated an ingenious theory that got around the confessions of the two criminals, and tried to show that Gluck was, after all, responsible for the murder of Irene Tackley. Hartwell died. And Sherbourne died, too, while Policeman Phillips was shot in the leg and discharged from the Oakland police force.

The murder of Hartwell was long a mystery. He was alone in his editorial office at the time. The reports of the revolver were heard by the office-boy, who rushed in to find Hartwell expiring in his chair. What puzzled the police was the fact, not merely that he had been shot with his own revolver, but that the revolver had exploded in the drawer of his desk. The bullets had torn through the front of the drawer and entered his body. The police scouted the theory of suicide, murder was dismissed as absurd, and the blame was thrown on the Eureka Smokeless Cartridge Company. Spontaneous explosion was the police explanation, and the chemists of the cartridge-company were well bullied at the inquest. But what the police did not know was that across the street, in the Mercer Building, room 833, rented by Emil Gluck, had been occupied by Emil Gluck at the very

moment Hartwell's revolver so mysteriously exploded.

At the time, no connection was made between Hartwell's death and the death of William Sherbourne. Sherbourne had continued to live in the home he had built for Irene Tackley, and one morning in January, 1933, he was found dead. Suicide was the verdict of the coroner's inquest, for he had been shot by his own revolver. The curious thing that happened that night was the shooting of Policeman Phillips on the sidewalk in front of Sherbourne's house. The policeman crawled to a police-telephone on the corner and rang up for an ambulance. He claimed that some one had shot him from behind in the leg. The leg in question was so badly shattered by three .38 caliber bullets, that amputation was necessary. But when the police discovered that the damage had been done by his own revolver, a great laugh went up, and he was charged with having been drunk. In spite of his denial of having touched a drop, and of his persistent assertion that the revolver had been in his hip-pocket, and that he had not laid finger to it, he was discharged from the force. Emil Gluck's confession, six years later, cleared the unfortunate policeman of disgrace, and he is alive to-day and in good health, the recipient of a pension from the city.

Emil Gluck, having disposed of his immediate enemies, now sought a wider field, though his enmity for newspapermen and for the police remained always active. The royalties on his ignition-device for gasoline-engines had mounted up while he lay in prison, and year by year the earning power of his invention increased. He was independent, able to travel wherever he willed over the earth, and to glut his monstrous appetite for revenge. He had become a monomaniac and an anarchist—not a philosophic anarchist, merely, but a violent anarchist. Perhaps the word is misused, and he is better described as a nihilist, or an annihilist. It is known that he affiliated with none of the groups of terrorists. He operated wholly alone, but he created a thousandfold more terror and achieved a thousandfold more destruction than all the terrorist groups added together.

He signalized his departure from California by blowing up Fort Mason. In his confession he spoke of it as a little experiment; he was merely trying his hand. For eight years he wandered over the earth, a mysterious terror, destroying property to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars, and destroying countless lives. One good result of his awful deeds was the destruction he wrought among the terrorists themselves. Every time he did anything the terrorists in the vicinity were gathered in by the police drag-net and many of them were executed. Seventeen were executed at Rome alone, following the assassination of the Italian King.

Perhaps the most world-amazing achievement of his was the assassination of the King and Queen of Portugal. It was their wedding-day. All possible precautions had been taken against the terrorists, and the way from the cathedral, through Lisbon's streets, was double-banked with troops, while a squad of two hundred mounted troopers surrounded the carriage. Suddenly the amazing thing happened. The automatic rifles of the troopers began to go off, as well as the rifles of the double-banked infantry in the immediate vicinity. In the excitement the muzzles of the exploding rifles were turned in all directions. The slaughter was terrible—horses, troops, spectators, and the king and queen, were riddled with bullets. To complicate the affair, in different parts of the crowds behind the foot-soldiers, two terrorists had bombs explode on their persons. These bombs they had intended to throw if they got the opportunity. But who was to know this? The frightful havoc wrought by the bursting bombs but added to the confusion; it was considered part of the general attack.

One puzzling thing that could not be explained away was the conduct of the troopers with their exploding rifles. It seemed impossible that they should be in the plot, yet there were the hundreds their flying bullets had slain, including the king and queen. On the other hand, more baffling than ever, was the fact that seventy per cent of the troopers themselves had been killed or wounded. Some

explained this on the ground that the loyal foot-soldiers, witnessing the attack on the royal carriage, had opened fire on the traitors. Yet not one bit of evidence to verify this could be drawn from the survivors, though many were put to the torture. They contended stubbornly that they had not discharged their rifles at all, but that their rifles had discharged themselves. They were laughed at by the chemists, who held that while it was just barely probable that a single cartridge, charged with the new smokeless powder, might spontaneously explode, it was beyond all probability and possibility for all the cartridges in a given area, so charged, spontaneously to explode. And so, in the end, no explanation of the amazing occurrence was reached. The general opinion of the rest of the world was that the whole affair was a blind panic of the feverish Latins, precipitated, it was true, by the bursting of two terrorist bombs; and in this connection was recalled the laughable encounter of long years before between the Russian fleet and the English fishing-boats.

And Emil Gluck chuckled and went his way. He knew. But how was the world to know? He had stumbled upon the secret in his old electro-plating shop on Telegraph Avenue in the city of Oakland. It happened, at that time, that a wireless telegraph-station was established by the Thurston Power Company close to his shop. In a short time his electro-plating vat was put out of order. The vat-wiring had many bad joints, and, upon investigation, Gluck discovered minute welds at the joints in the wiring. These, by lowering the resistance, had caused an excessive current to pass through the solution, "boiling" it and spoiling the work. But "what had caused the welds?" was the question in Gluck's mind. His reasoning was simple. Before the establishment of the wireless-station, the vat had worked well. Not until after the establishment of the wireless-station had the vat been ruined. Therefore, the wireless-station had been the cause. But how? He quickly answered the question. If an electric discharge was capable of operating a coherer across three thousand miles of ocean, then, certainly, the electric dis-

charge from the wireless-station four hundred feet away could produce coherer effects on the bad joints in the vat-wiring.

Gluck thought no more about it at the time. He merely re-wired his vat and went on electro-plating. But afterwards, in prison, he remembered the incident, and like a flash there came into his mind the full significance of it. He saw in it the silent, secret weapon with which to revenge himself on the world. His great discovery, which died with him, was control over the direction and scope of the electric discharge. At the time, this was the unsolved problem of wireless telegraphy—as it still is to-day—but Emil Gluck, in his prison-cell, mastered it. And when he was released, he applied it. It was fairly simple, given the directing power that was his, to introduce a spark into the powder-magazines of a fort, a battleship, or a revolver. And not alone could he thus explode powder at a distance, but he could ignite conflagrations. The Great Chelsea Fire was started by him—quite by accident, however, as he stated in his confession, adding that it was a pleasing accident and that he had never had any reason to regret it.

It was Emil Gluck that caused the terrible German-American War, with the loss of 800,000 lives and the consumption of almost incalculable treasure. It will be remembered that in 1939, because of the Pickard incident, strained relations existed between the two countries. Germany, though aggrieved, was not anxious for war, and, as a peace-token, sent the crown-prince and seven battleships on a friendly visit to the United States. On the night of February 15, the seven warships lay at anchor in the Hudson opposite New York City. And on that night, Emil Gluck, alone, with all his apparatus on board, was out in a launch. This launch, it was afterwards proved, was bought by him from the Ross-Turner Company, while much of the apparatus he used that night had been purchased from the Columbia Electric Works. But this was not known at the time. All that was known was that the seven battleships blew up, one after another, at regular, four-minute intervals. Ninety per cent of

the crews and officers, along with the crown-prince, perished. Many years before the American battleship *Maine* was blown up in the harbor of Havana, and war with Spain had immediately followed—though there has always existed a reasonable doubt as to whether the explosion was due to conspiracy or accident. But accident could not explain the blowing up of the seven battleships on the Hudson at four-minute intervals. Germany believed that it had been done by a submarine, and immediately declared war. It was six months after Gluck's confession, that she returned the Philippines and Hawaii to the United States.

In the meanwhile, Emil Gluck, malevolent wizard and arch-hater, traveled his whirlwind-path of destruction. He left no traces. Scientifically thorough, he always cleaned up after himself. His method was to rent a room or a house, and secretly to install his apparatus—which apparatus, by the way, he so perfected and simplified that it occupied little space. After he had accomplished his purpose, he carefully removed the apparatus. He bade fair to live out a long life of horrible crime.

The epidemic of the shooting of New York City policemen was a remarkable affair. It became one of the horror mysteries of the time. In two short weeks over a hundred policemen were shot in the legs by their own revolvers. Inspector Jones did not solve the mystery, but it was his idea that finally outwitted Gluck. On his recommendation the policemen ceased carrying revolvers, and no more accidental shootings occurred.

It was in the early Spring of 1940 that Gluck destroyed the Mare Island navy-yard. From a room in Vallejo, he sent his electric discharges across the Vallejo Straits to Mare Island. He first played his flashes on the battleship *Maryland*. She lay at the dock of one of the mine-magazines. On her forward deck, on a huge temporary platform of timbers, were disposed over a hundred mines. These mines were for the defense of the Golden Gate. Any one of these mines was capable of destroying a dozen battleships, and there were over a hun-



The arrest of Emil Gluck in New York Harbor

dred mines. The destruction was terrific, but it was only Gluck's overture. He played his flashes down the Mare Island shore, blowing up five torpedo-boats, the torpedo-station, and the great magazine at the eastern end of the island. Returning westward again, and scooping in occasional isolated magazines on the high ground back from the shore, he blew up three cruisers and the battleships *Oregon*, *Delaware*, *New Hampshire*, and *Florida*—the latter had just gone into dry-dock, and the magnificent dry-dock was destroyed along with her.

It was a frightful catastrophe, and a shiver of horror passed through the land. But it was nothing to what was to follow. In the late Fall of that year, Emil Gluck made a clean sweep of the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida. Nothing escaped. Forts, mines, coast-defenses of all sorts, torpedo-stations, magazines—everything went up. Three months afterward, in mid-Winter, he smote the north shore of the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to Greece in the same stupefying manner. A wail went up from the nations. It was clear that human agency was behind all this destruction, and it was equally clear, because of Emil Gluck's impartiality, that the destruction was not the work of any particular nation. One thing was patent, namely, that whoever was the human behind it all, that human was a menace to the world. No nation was safe. There was no defence against this unknown and all-powerful foe. Warfare was futile—nay, not merely futile, but itself the very essence of the peril. For a twelve-month the manufacture of powder ceased, and all soldiers and sailors were withdrawn from all fortifications and war-vessels. And even a world disarmament was seriously considered at a convention of the Powers, held at The Hague at that time.

And then Silas Bannerman, a secret-service agent of the United States, leaped into world-fame by the arrest of Emil Gluck. At first Bannerman was laughed at, but he had prepared his case well, and in a few weeks the most skeptical were convinced of Emil Gluck's guilt. The one thing, however, that Silas Bannerman never succeeded in explain-

ing, even to his own satisfaction, was how first he came to connect Gluck with the atrocious crimes. It is true, Bannerman was in Vallejo, on secret government-business, at the time of the destruction of Mare Island; and it is true that on the streets of Vallejo Emil Gluck was pointed out to him as a queer crank; but no impression was made at the time. It was not until afterward, when on a vacation in the Rocky Mountains, and when reading the first published reports of the destruction along the Atlantic Coast, that suddenly Bannerman thought of Emil Gluck. And on the instant there flashed into his mind the connection between Gluck and the destruction. It was only an hypothesis, but it was sufficient. The great thing was the conception of the hypothesis, in itself an act of unconscious cerebration—a thing as unaccountable as the flashing, for instance, into Newton's mind of the principle of gravitation.

The rest was easy. "Where was Gluck at the time of the destruction along the Atlantic seaboard?" was the question that formed in Bannerman's mind. By his own request he was put upon the case. In no time he ascertained that Gluck had himself been up and down the Atlantic Coast in the late Fall of 1940. Also he ascertained that Gluck had been in New York City during the epidemic of the shooting of police-officers. "Where was Gluck now?" was Bannerman's next query. And as if in answer, came the wholesale destruction along the Mediterranean. Gluck had sailed for Europe a month before. Bannerman knew that. It was not necessary for Bannerman to go to Europe. By means of cable-messages and the co-operation of the European secret-services, he traced Gluck's course along the Mediterranean and found that in every instance it coincided with the blowing up of coast defenses and ships. Also, he learned that Gluck had just sailed on the Green Star liner *Plutonic* for the United States.

The case was complete in Bannerman's mind, though in the interval of waiting he worked up the details. In this he was ably assisted by George Brown, an operator employed by the Wood System of

Wireless Telegraphy. When the *Plutonic* arrived off Sandy Hook, she was boarded by Bannerman from a government-tug, and Emil Gluck was made prisoner. The trial and the confession followed. In the confession, Gluck professed regret only for one thing, namely, that he had taken his time. As he said, had he dreamed that he was ever to be discovered, he would have worked more rapidly and accomplished a thousand times the destruction he did.

His secret died with him, though it is now known that the French Government managed to get access to him and offered him a billion francs for the invention wherewith he was able to direct at pleasure and closely to confine electric discharges.

"What?" was Gluck's reply. "To sell

to you that which would enable you to enslave and maltreat suffering humanity?"

And though the war-departments of the nations have continued to experiment in their secret laboratories, they have so far failed to light upon the slightest trace of the secret.

Emil Gluck was executed on December 4, 1941, and so died, at the age of forty-six, one of the world's most unfortunate geniuses; a man of tremendous intellect, but whose mighty powers, instead of making toward good, were so twisted and warped that he became the most amazing of criminals. — *Culled from Mr. A. G. Burnside's "Eccentricities of Crime," by kind permission of the publishers, Messrs. Holiday & Whit-sund. Published in 1982.*

What Happened on the Rigi

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A stout, middle-aged lady sat on the veranda of the Schweizerhof, one pleasant afternoon in July, gazing meditatively out upon Lac Lucerne. The stout lady was an American—a fact which had been rather loudly commented upon by a couple of English tourists who had just passed. The comment failed, however, to disturb the calm of its object, who continued to gaze thoughtfully over their heads.

If the lady had stood up, you could have seen that she was a trifle under medium height, and that even her stoutness failed to impair a certain dignity of carriage and manner. She was dressed in white linen, which made her a cool and pleasant picture on a hot day. In her lap lay a book, a Tauchnitz edition of a popular romance, and on a chair near her was a many colored silk bag, which un-

doubtedly held fancy work. Her thoughts appeared to occupy her to the exclusion of both the book and the fancy work.

Suddenly, into the range of her glance, came something that brought a puzzled look into the lady's eyes. She leaned forward and raised her hand to shade them. A tall, thin young man had come down the street on the opposite side, and stood looking out upon the lake, directly across from the veranda on which sat the stout lady. After standing there a few minutes, he turned, crossed the street, and came up the path to the Schweizerhof. As he did so, the lady rose, left her place in the corner of the veranda and came forward, smiling and holding out her hand.

"Mr. Hardy!" she said, pleasantly.

The young man started. "Why, it's Mrs. Thurston!" he exclaimed, eagerly. "This is delightful!"

"I'm glad to see you, Mr. Hardy. We heard you were in Europe, but we didn't expect to run across you here. Wont you sit down?"

She led the way back to her corner, the young man following. If he had had any errand at the Schweizerhof beyond being discovered by Mrs. Thurston, it was not evident.

"Clara will be so glad to see you," continued Mrs. Thurston. "She and Mr. Howe are riding this afternoon. You're not stopping here?"

"No, I—well, I suppose I may as well be quite honest with you, Mrs. Thurston, you always had a way of seeing through people whether they wanted you to or not, so I'll confess that I did expect to see you here. I got your address from your bankers and I meant to stop here; but it's been so long since I've seen you it seemed rather like an intrusion so I had my things sent to the National."

Mrs. Thurston looked at the young man keenly for a moment. What she saw was a thin, tanned face, lit by a pair of gray eyes, as keen and bright as her own; a large mouth, innocent of mustache or beard—and the whole, set off by a crown of sandy colored hair, which the most loving of critics could not have called beautiful. But perhaps the stout lady was a good judge of men. Perhaps she saw something under the plain exterior that pleased her, for she said:

"Now, Fenton Hardy, you know better than that! You know that neither Clara nor I would have thought of such a thing, or have been anything but glad to see you."

The young man flushed. "Of course I knew how you would feel," he said, "but Clara—well, you know, Mrs. Thurston, it's some time since your daughter and I have seen each other, and—"

"Five years, isn't it?"

Hardy nodded. "And please call me 'Fenton,' as you used to."

"Very well, then—Fenton. Perhaps you've noticed I don't interfere very much with Clara's affairs? She's a great deal like her father. I found out, very early in my married life, that the easiest way to push him into doing a thing, was to urge him to let it alone.

"I have always liked you, Fenton, but I've never asked Clara why she stopped writing to you, or why she didn't want to go back to Denver. I've thought about it a good deal, for there was a time, about five years ago, when I imagined you and Clara thought something of each other; but I knew the best way to prejudice Clara against you would be to interfere, so I kept still. Of course, I didn't know but it was only a boy and girl affair, after all. Your going to California the very first time we went home to Denver, made it look that way."

"Mrs. Thurston, is it possible you didn't understand why I went? Couldn't you see that as long as I mightn't ask Clara to marry me, I didn't want to see her? Didn't dare to see her, would be nearer the truth, perhaps. You see, it never was more than a boy and girl affair to her. She was always too busy having a good time to think of marrying; and when I knew what an heiress she was, and how little I had in comparison, I simply couldn't ask her to marry me. Then her father died and you went away.

"I hadn't given her up, not a bit of it! But I knew I'd got to wait, not long, perhaps, for those mines in Nevada were bound to make me a rich man some day, but I wouldn't ask her until I could marry her, and I didn't dare trust myself with her. I knew as well as anything I'd say something I'd wish I hadn't. So when you came home for a visit, I went to California. It wasn't easy, but I did it. Then her letters grew shorter and shorter, and finally stopped altogether, and I began to hear of her being engaged to this man and that one; it always turned out to be a false report. Something inside me seemed to tell me that she was for me, and not for any of those other men. It was the same thing that told me what to do in a business-deal; it never misled me there, and I didn't believe it would here.

"Then, last Summer, I heard all that talk about the Italian count who was at Newport, and that Clara had come dreadfully near to marrying him. It made me uncomfortable. Titles seem to have a sort of unholy fascination for nice girls, now-a-days, and the things we come awfully near doing one time, aren't ever



"Do you know, Fenton," she said, "it's ever so nice to have you here!"

quite so hard to do again, I've found. I began to think it was time for me to take a vacation, and a trip abroad. Things have gone pretty much my way the last few years, and I'm not afraid to ask even Ephraim Thurston's daughter to marry me now. But, somehow, as I got nearer to Switzerland and Clara, the courage that has kept me up for five years began to waver, and when I left the train yesterday, I turned tail like a coward, and went to the National, instead of coming here, as I'd planned. Now, you know the whole story. Tell me, honestly, what chance have I?"

Mrs. Thurston gave a little sigh.

"I don't know, Fenton. Clara is—well, Clara is what you might call 'difficult.' Sometimes I think she never will marry. Not that you haven't as good a chance as another. She has been very nice to Mr. Howe lately, but Clara is nice to everyone. That's the trouble; she doesn't seem to have any preferences. She's as unromantic as a square-toed shoe!"

"Who is Mr. Howe?"

"One of the Howes of Boston. He's staying here for his health, and he has his eye on Clara. It's a bilious eye, and he's old enough to be her father. I'm worried to death about it, but what can I do?"

"But it isn't possible that she will—"

"My dear Fenton, when you have known Clara as long as I have, you will be less positive as to what she will or won't do! Personally, I should like to see you married to her; then we could all go back to Denver and settle down. Sometimes it seems to me as if there were nothing in the whole world I'd like so well as to sleep in my own bed for six months in succession. As for scenery, there's a view of the mountains from my dining-room windows I'd rather have than all the scenery in Europe. But sometimes I think Clara never will be willing to settle down; then, again, I'm so afraid she'll marry Herbert Howe I don't know what to do. It's an awful thing to be the mother of an heiress, Fenton; there are

times when it just seems to rain undesirable young men!"

Mrs. Thurston sighed, and Hardy patted one of her plump hands consolingly.

"Never mind," he said, encouragingly. "You and I will proceed to dash Mr. Howe's hopes to the ground, and make Miss Clara behave herself."

"I hope so! But don't expect me to help you. If Clara were to think for a moment we had been plotting like this, I believe she would marry Herbert Howe on the spot. You had better have your luggage brought over here, though, and you must sit at our table. Mr. Howe sits with us, so we shall be four."

Hardy spent the rest of the afternoon getting his luggage transferred from the National to the Schweizerhof. He came down to dinner a little earlier than the ladies of the party, and strolled into one of the parlors to wait for them. He looked well in evening-dress, this tall, thin American. He would never be handsome, but he carried himself well, and was graceful, in a peculiar, long limbed fashion. As he entered the room, a man who had been sitting near one of the windows, came forward and introduced himself.

"It's Mr. Hardy, isn't it?" he said. "Mrs. Thurston spoke to me of you. Thought I'd introduce myself; Americans abroad, and all that sort of thing, you know. I'm Herbert Howe."

This was said in the designedly careless tone of one who wishes to announce his greatness modestly. Hardy, replying cordially, surveyed Mr. Howe with something of the feeling that a duelist has for his antagonist before the conflict.

Herbert Howe was a man of some forty-five-or-six years of age, tall, slenderly built, and immaculately clothed. His hair was gray and his mustache was graying rapidly; the former was carefully parted, the latter drooped in a melancholy way. As for his eyes, Mrs. Thurston had wronged him there, they were not bilious, but merely drooping and melancholy like his mustache. If it was Herbert Howe's wish to convey to an interested world the fact that he was

weary of it and of all that it contained, his features performed this service for him to perfection. Mrs. Thurston and her daughter, arriving a few moments after the introduction, Hardy's conversation with the gentleman whom he mentally classified as "Clara's latest" was short-lived.

Clara Thurston was tall and slender. Her figure was as graceful and elastic as twenty-five years of healthy out-of-door life could make it, and her skin, which was of an olive tint, was clear and glowing. She had big brown eyes, which looked at you with the frank honesty of a boy; a jolly, mischievous boy, ready for a lark at any moment. Her dark brown hair, which was rolled loosely back, without a curl, furthered this boyish resemblance. So did her smile, which some ill-natured persons declared partook of the nature of a grin, when Clara was enjoying herself. Her eyes shone as she perceived Hardy, and she met his rather subdued greeting, for his feelings were stirred and he did his best to conceal the fact, with a hearty welcome.

"I am so glad to see you, Fenton, you don't know how glad! It's just as if dear old Pike's Peak had left Colorado and run across the ocean to pay us a visit, isn't it, mother?"

"I hope I sha'n't prove quite such ponderous company, Miss Clara," replied Hardy, shaking her hand in blissful unconsciousness of the fact he had been holding it some time beyond the prescribed limits already. "But, seriously, your friends are beginning to think Colorado has no charms for you any more."

"Ah, but it has!" responded Clara, quickly. "Mother and I are going back there some day to stay a long time, aren't we, mother?"

"I hope so, I'm sure," replied that lady, fervently. "When my husband was living he never wanted to go anywhere, and I used to think I'd rather travel than do anything else in the world. Now, I've come to the place where there's nothing I pity quite so much as a tramp!"

"Poor mother, I believe you are getting home-sick!" cried Clara penitently. "We'll have to go home, one of these days, and you shall visit us, Mr. Howe.

It will be such fun to have a genuine ten-foot to show around!"

"Well, I guess anything you can show him in Denver won't hurt him much," remarked Mrs. Thurston, placidly. "I wish, Clara, you wouldn't talk as if you came from a place where they wore blankets and carried bowie-knives."

"It's a bad habit I've contracted over here," replied Clara, laughing. "I know that some of the old ladies, who sit on the veranda and read novels all day, are living in the expectation of seeing me erect a wigwam on the lawn and sleep in it. It seems cruel to disappoint them."

The Thurstons occupied a small table in a corner of the big dining-room. A candelabrum with red shades cast a rosy glow over the table, and lit up Clara's dusky face into positive prettiness.

"I am so hungry!" she announced, with a little sigh of content.

"I wish I had your excellent digestive-organs, Miss Clara," said Howe, enviously. "You are hungry three times a day, and you seem to undergo no penalties for your digestive indiscretions."

"Four times a day," corrected the young lady. "I never go without my tea, you know. Yes, I imagine I am rather a healthy animal."

"Clara! What a horrid thing to say!" exclaimed her mother.

"It must be a delightful thing to be," remarked Howe, admiringly. "Now, in Boston, I live very plainly; consequently, these continental *menus* always upset me horribly. Let me give you some of this champagne, Mr. Hardy. I have it sent from Paris, especially. You can't be too careful about the things you drink at these places. Do you know Boston?"

Hardy confessed to a slight and rather frivolous acquaintance with that venerable city, and thus the conversation rolled along pleasantly enough until the end of the dinner. He never knew whether it was by means of a diplomatic move on the part of Mrs. Thurston, or in response to a desire of Clara's that the former lady and Mr. Howe betook themselves to the *kursaal*, while he and Clara found themselves in a dim corner of the veranda, listening to the music of the hotel-orchestra within. He found the arrangement

delightful, however. Clara settled herself among some cushions with a sigh of satisfaction.

"Do you know, Fenton," she said, in her frank way, "it is ever so nice to have you here? I was afraid, when our letters stopped, our friendship would stop, too, and I hate to lose a friend. It's like losing a tooth; one keeps putting one's tongue into the empty spot and wondering where in the world the thing's gone."

"I was under the impression your letters were the ones that stopped," remarked Hardy.

"I dare say they were. You see, when we went back to Denver, two years ago, and found you had gone to California only the week before, I began to think perhaps you didn't care very much about seeing us, after all, and then—writing to people you never see isn't very interesting, is it?"

A wild impulse to tell her everything, to explain the California trip in the only way it could be explained, seized Hardy, but he resisted it. Something in the calm, friendly look in the face before him told him the time was not yet come, and, perhaps, suggested the idea which darted into his mind at that moment.

"No," he replied, "a friendship which has to exist by means of letters, demands a good deal of imagination, I suppose, or romance, perhaps."

"And I am not in the least romantic!" This with a little sigh. "Do you know, Fenton, you have such a calm, judicial sort of an air about you. I have half a notion to make you my father-confessor and tell you all my troubles—that is, if it won't bore you."

"You couldn't bore me, Clara, but I don't see what troubles you can have. Seems to me, you have everything a girl could want."

"That just shows how little you know about it!" was the scornful response. "Of course I have plenty of money, and I have also the responsibilities that money brings."

"But you oughtn't to have them! Haven't you got a good lawyer to look after your affairs?" demanded Hardy.

"Of course! That isn't what I mean. You see, father made all the money him-

self, with the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew.' It's always seemed to me rather an amusing sidelight on human nature that anyone could make such a lot of money in corkscrews! But, to be serious, father had rather peculiar ideas of what he wanted his money to do; or perhaps all men who have made large fortunes by their own efforts feel the same way. He wanted to feel that the money was going to do something for the family—for the name, you understand. It was a great disappointment to him that he had no son to carry on the business, but I think he gradually came to look upon me much as he would have looked upon a son, had he had one. He would have been terribly disappointed had he thought there was a possibility of my not marrying, and of the family's dying out. He used to say, too, that a rich woman was at the mercy of her man of business, and he hoped to see me married to some sensible man who would understand the business and carry it on. So you see, marriage is a sort of necessity, in my case, and it is made additionally difficult for me by having not only myself, but the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.' to please!"

"Poor Clara! It is rather a box!"

"Box! It's awful! If I were like most girls, romantic and sentimental, and all that sort of thing, it would have been easy enough. I should have married the first eligible young man who presented himself, and everything would have moved smoothly. But I'm not like that. Do you know, I'm sometimes afraid I'm made differently from other girls. I simply can't fall in love!"

"Have you ever tried—seriously?" queried the father-confessor, deciding that this case called for heroic treatment.

"Tried? Why, Fenton Hardy, the efforts I have made would have worn out a strong man! And look at the opportunities I've had—due, naturally, to the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.' I am not vain enough to overlook that fact."

"I suppose you have had a good many young idiots hanging around you," said Hardy, grudgingly.

"Well, I shouldn't call them all idiots.

Some of them have been very nice," remarked Clara. "I imagine the trouble has been in myself. You see, while I am not in the least romantic, I had an idea I would like to marry for love. It seemed more respectable. I didn't suppose it was such a difficult thing to do, ever so many girls do it. But there seemed to be something wrong with me. The moment I tried to fall in love with any one, the horrid idea that he wanted my money instead of me, would take possession of me, and after that it was no use."

"A little vanity would have been wholesome for you, Clara."

"Perhaps. But a rich girl doesn't have much chance to be vain; the truth is usually so obvious she cannot ignore it. However, after three years of that sort of thing, I made up my mind it was useless for me to try to fall in love; that love was a thing that must happen to you, like the mumps or the scarlet-fever, and that I was probably too hard-hearted or too strong-minded to catch it, and might as well give it up."

"But you did not give up your matrimonial designs altogether?" said Hardy, with a twinkle in his eye.

Clara was so very serious he would not laugh, but the twinkle would not be repressed.

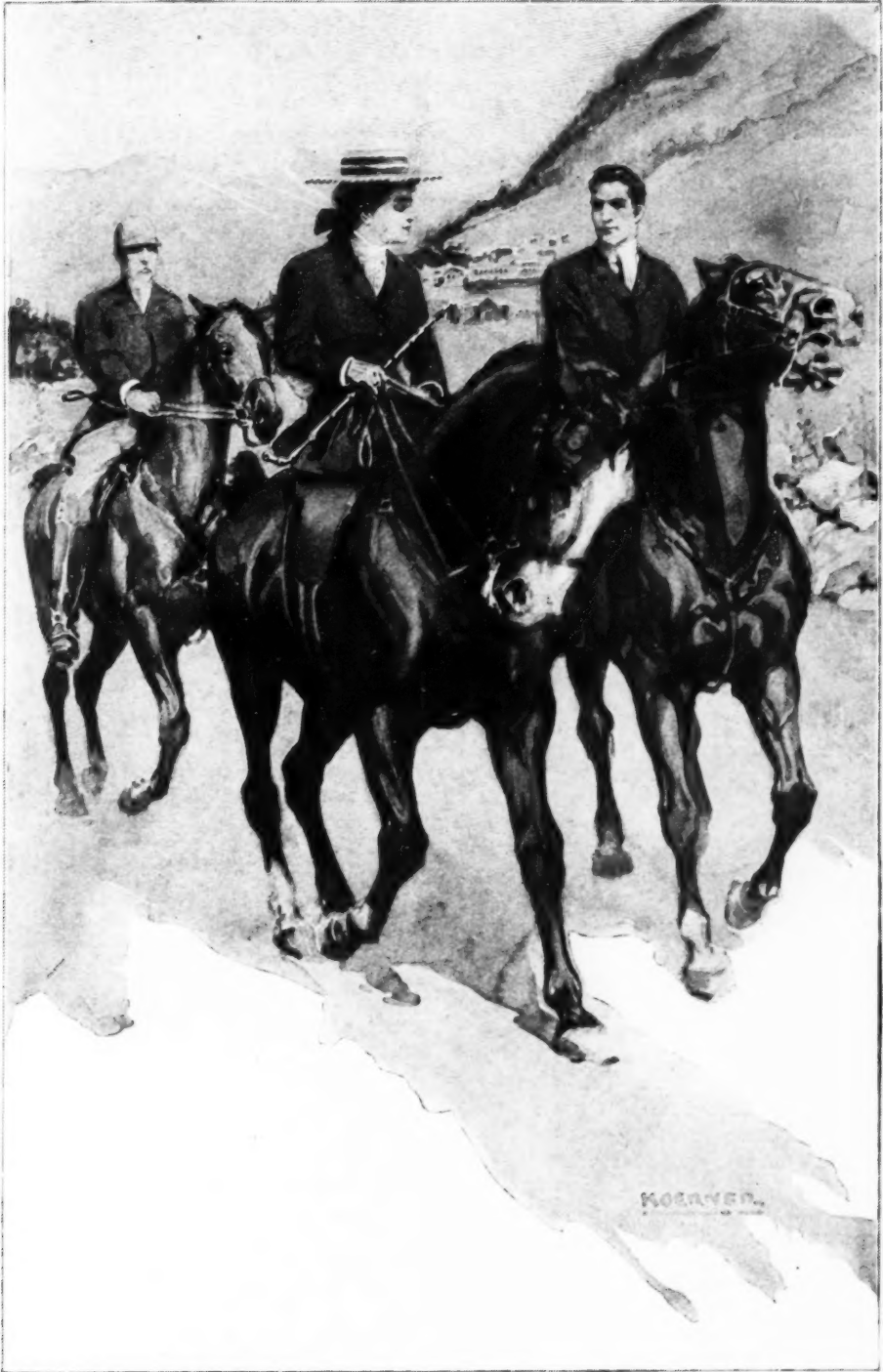
"No. That is a duty that I owe to father; that is, father and the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.' I decided that as long as I couldn't marry for love, I would be contented with the man who seemed the most suitable, and who, at the same time, would be benefited by marrying me, do you see?"

"A delightfully philanthropic and sensible idea. Allow me to congratulate you upon having originated it."

"Well, it seemed sensible, but it hasn't been very successful as yet."

"I am amazed! Has there been a sudden dying-out of the race of fortune-hunters?"

"Don't laugh, Fenton, it's been a very serious matter with me. I very nearly came to the conclusion that I was intended for a career of single blessedness; and, to tell the truth, I felt a guilty joy at the thought of escaping my duty; the sort of feeling you have when you screw



She included him in all her rides

up your courage to go to the dentist, and the tooth stops aching just as you reach the doorstep!"

"You take a cheerful view of matrimony."

"So would you, if it had been prescribed for you from your cradle. But, really, for a while, things looked very serious. I began to think that I not only was bereft of romance myself, but that I had the knack of killing it in other people. The experiences I had after I concluded to make a '*mariage de convenance*,' were quite enough to make me think so. There was the Count d'Aliferi, for instance."

"The gentleman you refused last Summer at Newport?"

"Fenton, I didn't refuse him," replied Clara, solemnly.

"You didn't? But the newspapers—!"

"He never proposed to me. He was going to; I know he was. And I had made up my mind to marry him. He is an awfully nice fellow, and I could have lifted the mortgages from his castles and things, and helped him a lot. And he didn't object to the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.' in the least."

"That was generous of him," remarked Hardy, dryly. "Well, why didn't he propose?"

"Fenton, I did a dreadful thing and spoiled it all. I saved his life!"

"Saved his life!"

"Yes," solemnly. "We were in swimming—a party of us. The count is a splendid swimmer, and he and I were out pretty far. All of a sudden he was taken with a cramp. I saw what was the matter and I grabbed him and swam to shore with him. None of the others realized anything had happened. He was in pretty bad condition, when we reached shore, and the others were so frightened they couldn't do much for him; but one of the men and I administered medical treatment till some one arrived with a doctor."

"The doctor said I had saved his life, and everyone made a big fuss over me, the newspapers printed pictures of us in the act, and no one talked about anything else for a week. It was awful! You know how dignified Italians are, and how they hate being made ridiculous, and you know

there is precious little romance in the 'First Aid to the Drowning.' Well, the count couldn't stand it. He left Newport as soon as he was well enough, and I sympathized with him thoroughly."

Hardy leaned back in his chair and shook with laughter.

"I don't blame you for laughing," remarked Clara. "It's what everybody else did. But wasn't it exasperating?"

"Decidedly. Have you any more misdeeds to confess?"

"Fenton, their name is legion! I'm the most unlucky wretch you ever saw. You have heard of Bobby Cameron?"

"The interesting youth who was sued for breach of promise by the lady in the 'Casino' chorus?"

"Yes. Well, I met Bobby two years ago, when he was just out of college. He was a little wild, but a very good-hearted boy. We were spending several months in New York, and Bobby and I saw a good deal of each other. He took a great fancy to me, and his father hinted that if I would marry Bobby, he would settle a good income on him and give us a house in New York. It was a case of heroic measures to steady Bobby. I hadn't altogether made up my mind. It seemed rather risky to take him away from his parents so young and so—so coltish, don't you know?"

"Well, one morning Bobby and I were out in my automobile. It was one of those cold, sunshiny mornings that go to your head like wine; the machine was new, and I—well, I guess I felt a little coltish, myself. We were going toward town, on Riverside Drive. I was driving, and Bobby had remonstrated with me several times about going too fast, but I wouldn't listen. I felt so splendid I just couldn't slow up. Why he chose that morning of all others to ask me to marry him, I don't know, unless the weather had gone to his head, too, but he did. The more I tried to head him off, the more he insisted upon going on. I suppose I was nervous; at any rate, I kept going just a little faster all the time. It's so easy, you know, when you get started. Then, all at once we turned a corner and—went plump into a moving-van."

"Well, Bobby was laid up three months

with some broken ribs and a sprained ankle. I was shaken up and bruised, but that was all. He never renewed his proposal, and I heard that when his father spoke to him on the subject, he said he had escaped once, by a miracle, and he didn't intend to take any more chances."

"Poor Clara!"

"I'm glad you pity me. I think I deserve it. Automobiles, horses, golf, and a good time generally, are much more to my taste than husband-hunting; yet I seem doomed to the latter."

"May I ask whether you have any one in mind at present? Mr. Howe, for instance?"

"Mr. Howe hasn't asked me to marry him."

"That's nothing. He will ask you. I saw it in his eye," was the gloomy reply. "And I suppose you'll take him. He won't be much of an acquisition to the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.' but he's an improvement on Bobby Cameron or your Italian count."

"He is a better business-man than you think, and could help me manage my troublesome affairs as well as anyone. And I know I could help him. Why, just the little riding I have persuaded him to do since he's been here has helped his liver a lot. He told me so."

"Clara, you are incorrigible!" cried Hardy, laughing heartily.

"My love-affairs are not particularly romantic, I admit," answered Clara, with a smile. "What can you expect from a person as horribly matter-of-fact as I? Yours, I dare say, would make a much more interesting tale. Why not return my confidences with your own?"

"Mine not only lack romance, but I have not even enough of the story-teller's gift to make them interesting," replied Hardy, his face clouding involuntarily.

"Then you have had some?" cried the girl, leaning forward, eagerly. "Oh, Fenton, do tell me! I'll be as secret as the grave. I'm awfully interested already."

Hardy smiled whimsically. "I wonder if you are?" he said curiously.

"Indeed I am! Who is she? I mean the important one, of course."

"The name of the important one is usually kept rather dark, I believe."

"Oh, well, tell me one thing. Is she an American?"

"She is. An American, and a Colorado girl."

"Oh!" There was a note of suspicion in the girl's voice that brought another smile to Hardy's face. "You might at least describe her. As I probably do not know her, it can do no harm."

"Willingly. I like to talk about her, you know. She is a blonde—"

"Oh!" Then in another tone. "Is she pretty? Not that it matters, except that good-looking people are so comfortable to look at."

"She is very pretty. Yellow hair, you know, and—"

"Blue eyes, I suppose?"

"Why, yes, it seems to me as if her eyes were blue."

"Why, Fenton Hardy, don't you know what color they are?" cried Clara, in a shocked voice. "You are a great deal worse than I am. At least, I always know what they look like!"

"I said they were blue, didn't I? The sort that little girls' dolls have."

"H-m!"

"She has an olive skin—"

"Blue eyes, yellow hair, and an olive skin! Why, Fenton, she must be a monstrosity!"

"Well, not exactly olive, but sort of creamy. You know what I mean, I never was any hand at a description."

Hardy was beginning to think he might do better with a model. He made a quick search among his feminine acquaintances and selected the wife of his partner. She would forgive him, he thought, and so would John, did they know the exigency of the circumstances.

"She is one of those trim little women, you know, who always look dainty and sweet," he concluded, lamely.

"I suppose she stays in the house and makes funny little hemstitched things to wear on her collars and cuffs?"

"I don't know about that," was the cool reply. "She doesn't ride, and I never heard of her disputing the right of way with a moving-van. But she's an awfully comfortable little woman to have near one."

"I think you underrate your descrip-

tive powers," remarked Clara. "I can see her now!"

"I wish I could!" was the lover-like response.

"You might tell me her first name. That wouldn't be in the least compromising."

"Her first name," replied Hardy, sticking faithfully to the model, "is Hannah."

"'Hannah!' Oh, Fenton, what a perfectly horrid name!"

"Isn't it? Her husband calls her 'Nan,' that is—"

"Of course, I ought not to have said that," said Clara, quickly. "If it had been anyone else I wouldn't have said it; but I do hate to think of your marrying a divorced woman, Fenton."

"Nonsense! She's ever so much too good for me."

What Miss Thurston thought, may have been something like this: "You blessed boy, you are miles and miles too good for any little blonde *divorcée* that ever lived!" What she said was: "When are you going to be married?"



"It's just like seein' home-folks, I declare"

"Her husband! Why—"

"I've told you a little more than I intended to," said Hardy, with a mental curse on his clumsiness. "She is divorced."

"I'm so sorry!" exclaimed the girl. "I'm sorry you told me anything about her. It seems such a pity!"

"You don't understand," explained Hardy, carefully. "It was a case of brutal husband. No one blames her. She has all the sympathy. And I hope to goodness John never hears of this!" he continued internally.

"Oh, not for some time! She wouldn't want to marry me too soon after the divorce, you know."

"Does she like having you away like this?"

"She doesn't mind. I came over on business, you know. Then, she's a bit like you, not very romantic."

"I see." Clara rose deliberately. "It's getting rather damp out here; I think I'll go in. No, don't come, I'm going upstairs." Then, holding out her hand impetuously, "I hope you will be happy, Fenton. You're such a good fellow you

deserve to be. Good-night. By the way, ride with us in the morning, wont you? We start at ten."

Hardy watched her tall, graceful figure as she disappeared into the hotel, and wondered whether he had been exceedingly clever or whether he had merely made a fool of himself.

He had occasion to ask himself this question many times during the next few days. He had pleased himself by imagining there had been a shade more of warmth in Clara's manner toward him that night than was usual with her. The following day, however, she returned to her boyish *camaraderie*, and treated him exactly as she did her mother and Herbert Howe. She included him in all her rides, drives, and walks, but he was not sure whether this was because she desired his company, or because Mr. Howe's semi-invalidism made him an uncertain escort. It was thoroughly exasperating, and Hardy determined to risk everything to put an end to it. He decided to ask Clara Thurston, at the first opportunity, to marry him.

The afternoon of the day he came to this conclusion was a particularly pleasant one, and the party of four, having just returned from a walk, were having tea on the veranda. Hardy, who was seated next the railing, noticed idly a tall, dark haired lady who was coming up the path, and who had a decidedly familiar air. He wondered where he had seen her before, but was not allowed to wonder long. The tall lady no sooner caught sight of the party at the tea-table, than she darted forward, with a grasshopper-like movement, and cried, delightedly:

"Why, Mr. Hardy! I'm so glad to see you. It's just like seein' home-folks, I declare! I don't know as you remember me? Mrs. Burns — Mrs. Jim Burns, of Kansas City. I'm here with my niece, Mrs. Tredway, of Denver. We came last night."

Hardy made the necessary responses and presented the lady to his friends, who were greeted quite as warmly as he had been.

"Well, it's quite a 'gatherin' of the

clans,' aint it?" remarked Mrs. Burns, taking a chair. "Denver—Kansas City—Boston!"

"And the greatest of these is Boston," murmured Clara, with a mischievous glance at Howe, who was staring at the newcomer with undisguised disapproval.

"Well, that depends on how you look at it," replied Mrs. Burns, pleasantly. "There are folks who like Boston; and then, again, I've seen them that preferred Kansas City. It's all in the way you're raised, I suppose. But Americans ought to stick together when they're over here, I think. Nan and I were awfully pleased to know that Mr. Hardy was here. My niece, you know, lives in Denver." This in a confidential aside to Clara. "She moved there when she married Mr. Tredway, and she stayed there after the divorce. I wanted her to come to Kansas City, but she has so many friends in Denver she prefers living there. She's awfully popular, Nan is; she's invited everywhere, and goes with the very best people."

"Indeed!" responded Clara, weakly.

She was struggling with a desire to laugh, yet, at the same time, she was conscious of a horrible presentiment of what was coming. Oh, it couldn't be possible this woman's niece was the "Nan" Fenton Hardy loved! She refused to believe it, and yet—

"Oh, yes, she has had more beaux, my niece has, than you could shake a stick at!" went on Mrs. Burns happily. "There were people mean enough to say that was why Mr. T. didn't defend the suit, but there wasn't a word of truth in that. Still, it hurt Nan's feelings dreadfully. She's awful sensitive, and she's never been quite herself since. I've done my best to cheer her up. I said to her: 'You've got your divorce, and you've got your alimony, what more do you want?' Says I, 'I hope you're not worryin' about Mr. T., are you?' 'No,' says she, 'I never want to see him again!' 'Well,' says I, 'you pack your trunk and we'll see what a trip to Europe will do for you.' She packed up and in two weeks we had started. I must say it's done her a lot of good already. She'll be tickled to death to hear that there's folks here from Denver. Of course we knew

that Mr. Hardy was here. Awful nice young chap, isn't he?"

It was time to dress for dinner when Mrs. Burns left them, and Clara, avoiding Hardy's evident desire to speak to her alone, hurried to her room. She was astonished and grieved, she told herself, to find that Fenton Hardy had fallen in love with a woman who possessed such vulgar relatives. She would not admit the possibility of a mistake. Had he not spoken of her as "Nan?" Was she not a divorced woman? Worst of all, what better proof could there be than her having followed him to Europe? It was disgusting! Clara thought with virtuous complacency of Herbert Howe and his family, irreproachable as himself. She felt she had chosen wisely. Incidentally, she put on her most becoming gown to go down to dinner.

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Tredway sat only a few tables away from the Thurs-tons. Mrs. Treadway was exceedingly well-dressed and shone with diamonds. She was pretty—yes, quite pretty. Her yellow hair was waved in tight little waves and faultlessly arranged. Her blue eyes looked at you from beneath eyebrows delicately penciled, not, alas, by Nature, but by a more accommodating agent. Perhaps the pink cheeks had received some of their bloom from the same bountiful source, but then, if Nature will insist upon falling short of absolute perfection, why not give Nature a lift, here and there? So Mrs. Tredway evidently thought, and she straightened her plump and shapely little figure, squeezed much against its will into a French gown, and smiled consciously as the Thurston party entered the dining-room.

The subject of Hardy's friends was avoided during dinner as if by mutual consent. Clara was particularly gracious to Howe, and made an engagement to ride with him before breakfast the following morning. After dinner, as they were sitting on the veranda, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Tredway joined them. Mrs. Burns introduced her niece with the air of one who confers a rare favor. There was something pitiful in her delight in the younger woman's beauty, Clara thought; something that softened her toward Mrs.

Burns, in spite of her vulgarity. As for Mrs. Tredway, she bore herself with the somewhat pert complacency of the pretty woman who feels so sure of the admiration of the other sex—that of her own does not matter. She took possession of Hardy at once, and, drawing him a little out of the circle, commenced a low-voiced conversation, which excluded the rest of the party as completely as if she had drawn him into a room and shut the door.

"Aint that just like Nan!" ejaculated Mrs. Burns, admiringly, to Clara. "It's like the magnet and the needles. Seems as if the men just couldn't keep away from her! I expect I'll have my hands full while we're over here. Thank goodness, I'm used to it, and if I can only keep her from marryin' one of those dissipated crowned-heads that you read about in the papers, I'll be satisfied."

The party was broken up, finally, by Mr. Howe's remark that he always retired in good time, when he had an early-morning ride in prospect, and Clara slipped away without giving Hardy the desired opportunity. Not, however, before she had heard the voluble Mrs. Burns planning the details of an automobile-excursion for the following afternoon.

Clara was quite unable to explain to her own satisfaction why she felt such an easy victim to the designs of Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Tredway. She told herself it was because she did not wish Fenton Hardy to think she cared; indeed, she did not care how much he devoted himself to that common little person: a good reason, but one that did not satisfy her entirely. She was hurt, too, because Hardy had not told her that Mrs. Tredway was the woman of whom he had spoken that night on the veranda. "After telling me so much, he might as well have told me the rest, if he really trusted me," she said resentfully.

But, somehow, she and Hardy were never alone enough during the three or four days which followed Mrs. Tredway's arrival, to be very confidential. That lady monopolized him completely, whether they rode, drove, or walked. There was always something she wanted him to do, or hear, or tell her; and that



They were walking down a stony path which led from the hotel

something was always of a nature which necessitated drawing him gently aside and speaking in a softer tone than the rather sharp one which she used to everyone else. Gradually, the little party began to divide itself into pairs, and Clara found herself coupled with Herbert Howe without any volition of her own.

"She manages us all as if we were children!" she told herself, with a scornful little laugh. "Well, as long as I have made up my mind to marry Herbert, I suppose I ought to be glad she approves. If she didn't, I presume she would quietly step in and marry him herself."

Both Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Tredway were anxious to make the ascent of the Rigi, and when they found that none of the Thurston party had yet taken the trip, nothing would do but they must take it together. Mrs. Thurston declining to go, the duties of a chaperon devolved upon Mrs. Burns. The plan was to go to Vitznau by the early-morning boat, make the ascent that day, and remain overnight at Rigi-Kulm, after the manner of all good tourists, to see the sunrise. At the last moment Mr. Howe decided he would not go.

"I should like to go," he said to Clara, the evening before, "in order to be with you; but early-morning trips on the water do not agree with me, and I have heard that the blankets at the Rigi-Kulm are damp. It is quite natural they should be, when they are used every morning by tourists to wrap themselves in, when they get up to see the sunrise. I am told, also, that it is nearly always foggy up there, so they can't see anything when they get up. You had better stay down here and go riding with me, Miss Clara."

"Thank you, I would rather not," replied that young woman. "But don't let me influence you in the least. I shouldn't like you to catch cold from a damp blanket for my sake."

"No, I'm sure you wouldn't," was the gratified reply. "You are too considerate."

The consequence of this defection was that the following day found Hardy squiring three ladies on a trip up the Rigi. The lake-trip went very well, but when the party came to take the *funicu-*

laire at the foot of the Rigi, it was found that the car was too crowded for them to sit together, and Mrs. Tredway exclaiming that she was frightened out of her wits at the thought of the ascent, seized Hardy's arm and implored him to take care of her. The result of this maneuver was that Mrs. Burns and Clara sat together in a rear seat, and the latter had the pleasure of listening, during the entire ascent, to Mrs. Burns' account of a ball she had given on the occasion of Mrs. Tredway's last visit to her.

"Well, my dear, the Kansas City papers simply went wild about it," she concluded, as they alighted at the Rigi-Kulm. "And when Kansas City makes a fuss over a thing, you can make up your mind there is something doing. Well, Nan, how are you enjoying yourself?"

Not very much, it appeared, for Mrs. Tredway's pretty face wore a decidedly sulky expression. A brute of a man had stepped on her gown, she explained, and torn off about a half yard of it. Mrs. Burns, full of solicitude, suggested going to their room at once while she mended it.

"They don't serve lunch for half an hour yet," she remarked. "I'll get a needle and some thread somewhere and have it all fixed by that time." As they disappeared up-stairs, Hardy drew a breath of relief and turned to Clara.

"Let's take a little walk, if you're not tired," he suggested.

"I'm not tired, but I don't care about walking. Wait till the others come," was the reply. "It is misty, after all. Quite spoils the view, doesn't it?"

For that bane of the Rigi visitor, the foggy mist which haunts the mountain, was there.

"It may clear to-morrow," said Hardy, hopefully. "Never mind the others, let's do a little looking around now. Mrs. Treuway isn't a very good walker, you know."

They were walking, as he spoke, down a narrow stony path which led away from the hotel. A little farther on was a rustic-bench, placed there, perhaps, as a goal for the weary tourist who prefers his legs to a *funiculaire*. With decided inconsistency, Hardy suggested sitting

down. "I thought you wanted to walk," remarked Clara, coldly.

"I did, just out of sight of the hotel," was the unabashed reply. "I want to have a little talk with you."

"I came here to see the view, not to talk," was the severe response. "We can talk on the veranda of the Schweizerhof," and Clara stepped lightly upon the bench, and stood there, absorbedly staring into vacancy.

"I can't," pursued the young man, stubbornly. "At least, I can't talk to you, because you avoid me."

"Now, it's coming!" groaned Clara internally. "He's going to tell me about her!"

And suddenly, oh, very suddenly, she knew why she didn't want to hear; why the very thought of his talking to her about that woman made her feel as if she could not bear it. She turned, and, with a wild desire to run away, to get out of the reach of his voice as quickly as she could, stepped off the bench, and found herself in a little heap on the ground.

"Clara! My dear, what in the world—are you hurt?" cried Hardy, picking her up.

"I—I fell off the bench!" remarked Clara, in what she afterward characterized as "a perfectly idiotic manner!"

"I should think you did!" said Hardy, determined not to smile, though Clara's tragic countenance and the extent of her fall were in very funny contrast. "The question is, did you hurt yourself?"

"My foot hurts. I think I twisted it when I fell. Ugh! I can't stand on it. Do you suppose I've sprained the ankle?"

Hardy, serious in a moment, knelt down, removed the shoe and prodded the foot scientifically, eliciting a groan or two from the patient, who tried bravely to suppress them.

"I don't think it's sprained. You've probably wrenched it. I'll take you back to Lucerne on the next car that goes

down, so that you can have a doctor look at it."

"A doctor! Nonsense! It isn't so bad as that. Besides, you must stay here with—
—with her."

"Her? Who?"

"Why, Hannah!" with a little laugh that choked itself at once.

"Clara, has that fall affected your mind? Who the deuce is Hannah?" exclaimed the forgetfully bewildered Hardy.

"Mrs. Tredway, the woman you are going to marry. How can you talk so after all you told me about her that night on the veranda?" demanded Clara, indignantly.

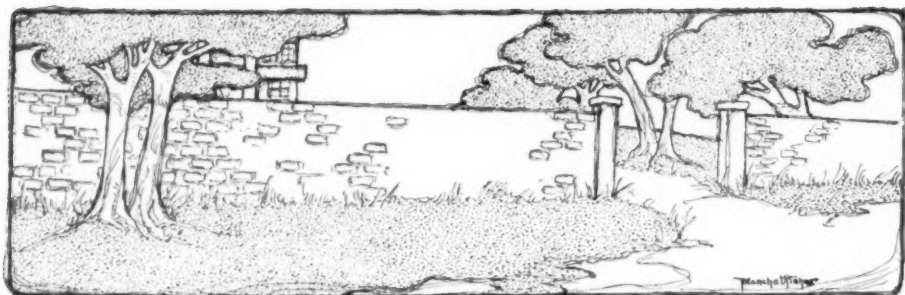
Then, as Hardy sat down on the bench and gave way to paroxysms of laughter, "What is the matter with you, Fenton Hardy?" she demanded.

"You didn't really believe I cared for that woman?" said he, recovering himself.

"But, Hannah?"

"Hannah, my darling, is a beautiful creation of my own, brought into being with the intention of rendering her humble creator a little more desirable in your eyes. Why, my dear, if you weren't the stupidest woman in the world, in regard to love-affairs, you'd have known ages ago that I only came over here to see you; that I've been in love with you for years, but couldn't tell you till I had something to offer you. Hannah, indeed!"

"Fenton," said Clara, clinging to him with one hand, and groping frantically for her handkerchief with the other, "Fenton, if this is what they mean by being in love, I believe I've been there for five years and never known what was the matter with me!" Then, after a few moments, with a blissful little sigh, "And only think, Fenton, what a splendid thing it's going to be for the 'Ephraim Thurston Patent Corkscrew Co.!' "



The Room of the Cake

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HE had always been called "The Boy" since that bleak November night when he had drifted in like a leaf on the gale from the rainy and windy darkness without.

In the quiet back-waters of life a certain flavor of individuality is given to human character—an elemental freshness enters into it. In these quiet, isolated communities is enacted every phase of human passion, every vital element of human tragedy. Here are episodes of faith and duty and loyalty; humble shreds of romance; silent battles of revolt; here the souls of men and women differ in no particular from those of other men and women in those overcrowded and swarming centers men call great cities.

In such a community as this stood the Misses Livingstons' house, an imposing edifice of brick and stone. It stood far back among its elms and maples, where the street of the town made no farther pretension to municipal dignity and melted into the country highway with candid scorn of restraint. The great orchard, which had been famous in old Judge Livingston's day, stretched to the river behind the big vine-covered house. In the Autumn, thousands of little brown balls from the sycamore trees danced on the

water like corks. All Summer long the air was filled with sweet, old-fashioned fragrance like a breath of the long-ago. Mud-swallows built their nests under the coping of the broad portico, where the white pillars were blistered and cracked with age.

The great house stood silhouetted in grim lines against the Autumn twilight that night when a stout woman, wearing a gray shawl pinned about her shoulders and dragging a child by the hand, came up the long gravel walk.

He was a very small boy even for his four years. And as fate had destined him to wear the outgrown garments of Billy McCall, who was two years his senior and a big boy for his age, Peter's existence, so far, had seemed to be passed in an ineffectual endeavor to catch up with his clothes.

To his childish eyes the great orchard seemed to be filled with strange, creeping, writhing things; gnome monsters crouching to spring; a jungle of uncanny, shadow-born things. The green shutters were closed and the house seemed brooding in the melancholy silence of deepening twilight.

The Boy, swallowing very hard at the lump in his throat and blinking back un-

manly tears, sat on the door-sill while the stout woman sounded the knocker. It resounded through the house like a mocking echo. As he sat there The Boy's terror of the growing darkness, the stillness, the great shadows in the portico-corners, and those dusky creatures crouching to spring over there by the syringa bushes, held his heart in tense grip.

He tried counting up to twenty very fast, this being the best known method of holding terrors at bay, but got hopelessly mixed in the count owing to the numbing effects of fright.

Presently a dim flicker shone through the fan-light over the door.

The Boy stumbled to his feet, struggling with the lump in his throat, when the door opened and a florid faced girl stood there. She held the lamp high above her head. She had pleasant eyes and a humorous mouth which seemed ready to break into a laugh at the slightest provocation.

The Boy kept a tight, nervous grip on the stout woman's hand as they went through a long, dim-lit hall whose wall-paper represented an imposing series of colonial columns, and to Peter's youthful mind suggested blood-chilling possibilities of giants and ogres remotely cloistered there in grewsome conclave.

They were ushered into the shadowy dining-room where the Misses Livingston were at tea. It was a long, low ceiled room, and a lamp under a green shade in the center of the table threw a pallid light over the startling wall-paper where a number of fox-hunting gentlemen in scarlet coats chased an ever fleeing and very anæmic fox.

Miss Livinia presided with dignity and

with rigid decorum over the tea-urn—as indeed she did over everything in and about the place. She was a sharp-featured, austere woman of forceful personality, the inner workings of whose soul seemed swathed and wrapped about like a mummy—a woman who held all humanity at arms'-length.

The younger Miss Livingston, known to the community as "Sister Ellen-Eliza," was a mild, gentle little creature, overawed and meek under the sister's stern regime. Before she ventured an assertion she always looked at Miss Livinia and got her bearings, gauged her mental attitude—much as the mate of a vessel consults his binnacle before he takes his watch.

Yet she wore a halo of romantic interest; for, twenty-one years ago she had sustained a great bereavement. When in bridal array and palpitating with all the expectancy of a late Autumnal love, Death had stepped in and claimed the bridegroom.

"Ellen-Eliza's life was blighted in the flower," had become Miss Livinia's stereotyped phrase, and she devoted herself to nourishing the blight.

In moments of excitement Ellen-Eliza's delicate cheeks still flew the pink flag of beauty. She had now become a Personage by virtue of this *affaire du cœur*, and lived surrounded by an aura of romantic interest.

Once a year, on the anniversary of that unhappy day, Ellen-Eliza came forth like a butterfly from its chrysalis. She took her seat beside Miss Livinia in the big green-cushioned barouche which had served three generations of Livingstons. With their laps full of white verbenas and immortelles they drove silently to the



"I brung him, ma'am and here he is"

little cemetery over on the hill.

The green blinds shut out the darkening twilight when Tilly of the round mouth and smiling eyes ushered the stout woman and The Boy into the dining-room. The woman was flushed with her walk and out of breath, and her bonnet very much on one side.

She rushed into her story with vehement haste. She must, she said, return in half an hour on the Bentonsport stage. She had come to bring The Boy, and she dragged little Peter, whose face was hidden in her *béragé* skirts, into the circle of light from the shaded lamp.

"He's always been a right peart kind of a boy and aint ever give any trouble," she explained volubly, untying the knot of ribbon under her double chin. "Him and Billy mostly plays together and he's always willin' Billy should be the horse. I promised his ma I'd bring him, and I don't in no way feel like goin' back on a death-bed promise. It always seemed to me she was more sinned ag'in than sinnin' She said she knew you hadn't no forgiveness for her, but wouldn't you please try to remember that it wa'n't in no way the little feller's fault? So I brung him, ma'am, and here he is."

With that she disengaged herself from Peter's clinging hands, pinned the shawl about her fat neck, and straightened her bonnet preparatory to departure.

The Misses Livingstons had each sat with a suspended fork in the air during the astonishing bestowal of Peter.

Miss Livinia had never before looked so much like the stern old judge in the crumbling gilt frame over the mantel.



His meals were served in the kitchen

Sister Ellen-Eliza's faded blue eyes had fastened themselves with a look of dumb, hungry, unspeakable longing on the child's face.

When Miss Livinia spoke it was with a cold effort at control, and her bony hand clenched and unclenched on the table.

"Are there no institutions in this country," she demanded icily, "for the shelter of such—"

"Oh, Livinia!" gasped Ellen-Eliza.

"I see no reason," she enun-

ciated crisply, as she rose to leave the room, "why I should be expected to give shelter to—"

"Oh, Livinia!" breathed Ellen-Eliza.

Then the stout woman spoke. She squared her shoulders and her double chin quivered as she launched her Parthian arrow.

"Well, I dunno why she did expect it," she said, "only I reckon she counted on blood bein' thicker than water; it mostly is. But it looks like she must have forgot that sometimes it's so everlastin' thinned down an' strained that there aint nothin' left of it worth speakin' of. I guess we'll have to move on, sonny." She looked down at Peter through a gray mist of tears. "It's pretty poor pickin' at our house, me havin' five of my own, but such as 'tis the little feller's welcome to it. I guess your ma didn't know her kin, sonny, even her aunt's."

She caught at Peter's hand. "Good suz, I hope I aint missed that stage," she breathed devoutly.

But during this thrust and parry, Sister Ellen-Eliza had carried on a silent wooing. Awed by her own audacity she

had begun by becks and nods and wreathed smiles; then with her heart beating a wild tattoo she had crooked a beckoning finger. Peter had clung less and less tenaciously to the stout woman's skirts.

Then by an inspired thought Sister Ellen-Eliza had, by dexterously twisting and knotting her handkerchief, evolved from it a marvelous white rabbit with aggressive ears and stubby tail. Never was there such a realistic and fascinating rabbit! By a cunningly concealed finger she caused the wolfish ears and the wonderful tail to wriggle in a startling and exciting manner calculated to stimulate curiosity in the youthful mind.

From having begun by peeping shyly from the *bérage* skirts, Peter now became so lost in wonder he stood with fingers working in excitement while his eyes protruded and the inborn curiosity of the *genus* boy held him in thrall.

Pulling off like a colt shying from the halter he refused to move when the stout woman caught at his hand. His round eyes had taken on a fixed stare as if under hypnotic influence.

Ellen-Eliza redoubled her allurements, enlarged her repertoire. She now added a capering, mincing, most impossible series of evolutions and genuflections in the white rabbit's progress across her black taffeta lap. He crossed his paws like a devotee at a shrine; he sat down on his haunches in a contemplative attitude; he turned backward somersaults and righted himself with the agility of a professional acro-

bat, and all in the twinkling of an eye.

Could persuasion farther go?

With the true intuition of love Ellen-Eliza had searched out and found The Boy's vulnerable spot.

The stout woman set Peter's hat down very hard on his head and gathered his reluctant hand into hers. Whereupon Peter planted his feet squarely and pulled off with all the weight of his little fat body.

Sister Ellen-Eliza caused the rabbit to assume a series of Delsarte postures ending with a *pas seul* executed with such *verve* and abandon that the little gray curls around her pretty faded face danced in unison.

Verily the wisdom of the serpent is as naught compared to the wisdom of a woman who loves—and would win!

Frightened to panic by Miss Livinia's

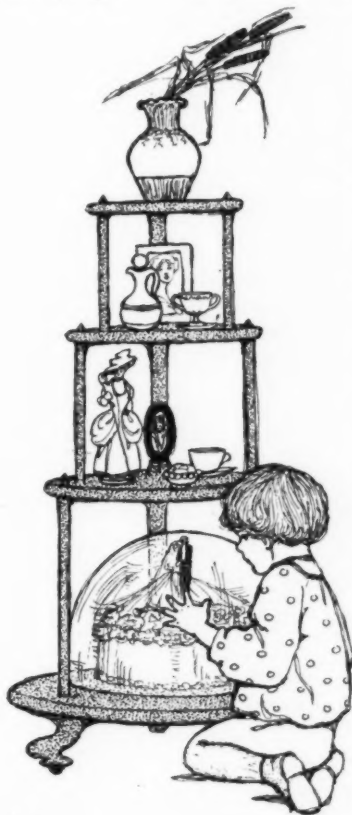
awful face in the doorway, but made bold by great desire, Peter made a scrambling rush across the room, stumbled, fell, and hid his face in Sister Ellen-Eliza's lap, one covetous hand stealing out to grasp the treasure.

Then Sister Ellen-Eliza slipped from her chair, and down on her black taffeta knees regardless of dust, strained him to her with her trembling old arms. Tears rolled down her faded cheeks as she kissed and petted and laughed and sobbed all in one breath.

Peter held the white rabbit carefully behind him lest its pristine glory be marred by this stormy wooing.

"Oh, Livinia, we must—we must—"

But with head held very high and her



Blanchet Fisher

A monument of what might-have-been

thin lips set in a tense, straight line Miss Livinia had walked from the room, speaking no word.

And the stout woman, with an intuitive understanding of the dramatic moment for exit, gathered her worn shawl about her and went out into the stormy darkness.

That was the beginning of The Boy's life with the Misses Livingston.

He proved in very truth to be a "right peart boy," dodging Miss Livinia on all possible occasions and only daring to venture into the loved presence of Ellen-Eliza (the ardor of whose claiming he had never forgotten) when the elder sister was absent on her numerous duties. His meals were always served with Tilly on the white, sand-scoured table in the kitchen, where shining tins glistened in prismatic rows along the walls. He was strictly forbidden all entrance into the parlor, a big square room looking onto the garden.

Peter had indeed once stolen into this *sanctum sanctorum* while Miss Livinia was at prayer-meeting; and standing just inside the forbidden threshold had gazed in speechless awe about him.

Landscape-paper representing moss-grown castles with a drawbridge and a knight in armor on a wildly curveting steed evidently bent upon self-destruction, covered the walls. Dead relatives glared from oval frames; and a hair wreath, woven from the first Mrs. Livingston's auburn tresses, circled grew-somely under glass.

In a black walnut frame a weeping willow drooped over a broken column; this was Grandfather Livingston's death-certificate, proving with profuse and wordy circumlocution the validity of his title to the eternal reward in store for the truly good.

On the high mantel, candelabra with glass pendants threw out multi-colored rays when the sun struck them. A wax cross under a glass globe stood on one end of the mantel, for the making of wax flowers in impossible shades at which Nature would have covered her face and wept, had been the chief diversion of Miss Livinia's youth.

The big family bible with brass clasps, was on a crocheted mat in the center of the marble-topped table. Tilly had once surreptitiously brought this out and Peter had been allowed to gaze in chilly wonder at its pictorial horrors. Within its musty pages Satan, with fierce and awful mien turned over with a two-tined fork the sizzling unelect. For this was Great-grandfather Livingston's bible, and had come down through generations who had no "isms."

A horsehair sofa, very long and shiny and black, stretched between the windows. Once, emboldened by the prolonged quiet of the house, Peter had essayed to sit in state upon this imposing edifice. This attempt met with the melancholy results which too often befell the sanguine "when vaulting ambition o'erleaps herself." Only he who has attempted the well-nigh impossible feat of sitting for any length of time on a hair-cloth sofa can appreciate Peter's embarrassment. In spite of the fact that it displayed a decided tendency to "buck," Peter, with unquenchable zeal, attempted the brave act of riding this refractory sofa bare-backed. The springs, though very ancient, had lost none of their elasticity of spirit, and Peter landed very hard and flat on the big crimson roses of the parlor carpet, on which it seemed desecration to tread.

In the center of a small table a basket made of white corn-husks dipped in alum formed an imposing ornament and was Peter's special delight whenever he had dared venture into this terrible parlor.

Once, indeed, temptation had been too strong; and like his esteemed predecessor, Father Adam, he fell before the lusts of the flesh. For be it chronicled with humiliation, Peter licked that remarkable basket from tip of handle to glittering base. And just so surely as the wages of sin are death, so surely did the astonishing amount of alum Peter had swallowed do strange things to the Department of the Interior.

The what-not in the corner, indigenous to every New England parlor at that age of the world, was a treasure-house of forbidden wonders.

But most interesting and suggestive of

all the wonders here enthroned was that which rested under a big glass case. This case was of the kind commonly seen in museums, inclosing rare specimens. Beneath it rested a mammoth fruit-cake, which had been prepared in celebration of Ellen-Eliza's nuptial feast when Death so unceremoniously stepped in and cut off the festivities. It was now as dry as a plaster cast; ancient of days; a monument of what might-have-been; a fossil of failure. It was incased in a crumbling sheet-armor of white frosting which represented a procession of corpulent Cupids entwined by a garland of leaves and flowers. In sugary circles they wound round and round, and like John Brown's body seemed ever and eternally to go marching on. It might fittingly have been termed the sarcophagus of an ossified wedding-cake; and for twenty-one years had been treasured as the *chef d'œuvre* of the house of Livingston. In spite of the devastating tooth of time its *façade* still presented an unbroken line of posturing, simpering Cupids pirouetting through flowery garlands hand in hand.

Peter longed with an unspeakable longing to put a large, rectangular section of that gutta-percha wedding-cake, with its pre-historic rasins and petrified citron and anti-bellum currants, where he felt it would do the most good. Once, indeed, he had been so lured on by the simpering Cupids and their inviting toothsome-ness that he had pressed his chubby face to the glass until recalled to himself and a realizing sense of his trespassing by Tilly in the doorway, when he was whisked out by that friendly ally in breathless haste. Unfortunately, Miss Livinia discovered the tell-tale finger marks on the glass, and The Boy was forbidden, more peremptorily, all entrance into the Enchanted Region. In his own mind he always called this: "The Room of the Cake."

It was always Sister Ellen-Eliza who told him stories in the long purple twilights when Miss Livinia's duties demanded her presence at the missionary-meeting, and on the sunny afternoons when Miss Livinia presided at the sewing-circle. If, in the seclusion of the vine-

covered portico Sister Ellen-Eliza was deep in a thrilling narrative; if at that very moment Crusoe had but just discovered the mysterious footprints in the sand; if at this nerve-thrilling juncture The Boy peered through the vines and beheld Miss Livinia coming up the gravel walk with her stately tread, he would give one gasping sigh of renunciation,



"The cake! It is ruined!"

and with a breathless "It's Her," he would vanish like a covey of quail at the approach of the hunter.

Thus a year passed, and the day of the pilgrimage once more came round. Sister Ellen-Eliza wore her lavender taffeta—only she called it "puce lute-string." And she wore a little prim bonnet with lavender ribbons tied under the chin in which the alluring dimple had always persistently refused to go into mourning. For though Ellen-Eliza's youth had been "blighted in the flower," that recalcitrant dimple had continued to smile on in delightful and perennial bloom.

Her gentle blue eyes looked out in mild complaisance as they passed the

blossoming hedge-rows and under the waxy perfume of the locust trees. She sniffed delightedly at the intangible fragrance of some blossoming pear tree in a near-by orchard. It seemed hard to focus one's mind upon the dead when Nature was in this mood of generous promise. Miss Livinia looked the part of mourning relative even to the crisp folds of her black *béragé* veil which hung in straight lines as if carved in ebony. Ellen-Eliza found it quite impossible to subdue the look of youthful ecstasy in her eyes as they swept the pink billows of the blossoming clover fields.

On their return from the cemetery an hour later, the big creaking barouche stopped at the gate. Miss Livinia ostentatiously assisting the "blighted one" to alight. Ellen-Eliza seated herself under the nodding morning-glory vines on the portico, rolled her black lace mitts together, and fanned herself gently with her lace-bordered handkerchief. She had just untied the ribbons under the recalcitrant dimple when Miss Livinia, who had preceded her into the house, rushed forth with a face of tragedy. Never before in all Miss Livinia's circumspect life could she have been said to rush!

"The cake!" she gasped breathlessly, flinging up her hands with a gesture of abandonment to woe. "The cake! It is ruined! S—someone has eaten a great chunk out of it." In her excitement Miss Livinia actually said "chunk." "The frosting is all over the carpet. Come!"

She dragged Ellen-Eliza, trembling and appalled, to view the scene of despoliation. And even Ellen-Eliza threw up her little white hands when she beheld the awful hiatus which yawned in that treasured monument of her matrimonial *fasco*.

Tilly, wide-eyed and awestricken, had spent the afternoon in weeding the petunia-bed and denied all knowledge of the crime. Suspicion at once centered upon Peter. But where was Peter?

This question grew into one of alarming anxiety as dusk grew into dark and Peter in spite of diligent searching failed to materialize. Every possible place of concealment about the premises had been overhauled. Nowhere could he be found.

Wild with fright Tilly had fled across the fields in a short cut to the village and given the alarm. A child was lost! At once the searchers went forth in every direction.

Hours passed. Over beyond the hill where the sentinel pine stood pointing a lean finger skyward the moon had risen now. Ellen-Eliza, in spite of tearful protestations, had been put to bed in the big four-poster like a child who must retire on schedule-time though the heavens fall. Ellen-Eliza always got into this bed by means of three little steps covered with blue carpeting. She lay there, wide-eyed and trembling, her lips moving in voiceless prayer.

Miss Livinia, very pale and silent and repressed, passed noiselessly in and out the house, searching, searching, her face grown gray with a strange pallor, her eyes no longer able to meet those of Ellen-Eliza.

At midnight they were dragging the river down there below the great orchard where the gnarled apple trees were sweet with bloom—the river where the little brown balls of the sycamore trees bobbed up and down on the water like corks. Miss Livinia remembered he had been very fond of gathering those fascinating balls, and how strictly she had forbidden his "littering" the portico by building pyramids with them.

Once she passed the bedroom door with slow and lagging step and Ellen-Eliza's quavering voice called out:

"Livinia, have they found—"

"No."

Miss Livinia went straight past the door and down the long hall to the attic-stairs. These she mounted, and Ellen-Eliza heard her close and lock the attic-door behind her. At that, Ellen-Eliza caught a sobbing breath and buried her face in the bed-clothes.

Never, since that terrible night when the younger sister had, like Keat's immortal lovers, "fled forth into the storm," never since that terrible night had Miss Livinia shut herself up in that attic-room to have it out with her soul.

In accordance with an ancient custom of the little town, which still clung to its old-world ways and usages, a bell was

always tolled at intervals when a lost child was still unfound. Miss Livinia heard the deep-toned booming of the bell as she turned the key in the rusty lock. The moon sent a pallid gleam through the one dusty window of the attic.

Over in a shadowy corner stood Grandmother Livingston's spinning-wheel and a brass-nailed oaken chest which had held the family-linen of many Livingstons past and gone. Broken chairs, hair-cloth trunks, the flotsam and jetsam washed up in New England attics by the tide of time were in evidence. Leaning cornerwise under the eaves was an enormous, glaring oil painting of "Napoleon Crossing the Rhine," the pristine glory of its frame crumbling in tarnished gilt. From the shadows the Man of Destiny scowled darkly under down-drawn brows as if glowering in helpless wrath and gloom that he who had once swept through Europe like a meteor of flame had thus come to the ignominy of a dust-strewn attic.

Miss Livinia stood a moment looking out the moonlit window, her lips one straight, hard line. Then suddenly, without warning, some tension of her whole being seemed to break and give way with a snap.

Sobbing and convulsed she fell on her knees, quite unmindful of her best *moiré* antique and the dusty attic-floor, her forehead on the window-ledge, her whole figure huddled and quivered in the grip of some overmastering passion and remorse. Her thin shoulders shook with dry, rending, tearing sobs. As one who flings himself without reserve on the mercy of the Infinite, she sobbed out her *mea culpa*.

The awakening had come; and with it a consciousness of her own starved heart—of the place The Boy had filled in it in spite of her frigid, unyielding determination to shut him out of it. And with it all, the torturing memory of her cold, repellant attitude toward his smallest advances. This was not Miss Livinia's voice but the voice of a woman writhing under the whip-lash of outraged conscience which sobbed:

"Oh, God, give me back The Boy!"

In her monumental bed Ellen-Eliza raised suddenly on one elbow. Livinia was coming down the attic-stairs, very slowly and heavily, making a queer cooing noise in her throat. A pair of mourning-doves had built in the portico rafters that Spring, and the mother-bird had made just such a cooing noise as that, brooding in ecstasy over her young.

The shutters of Ellen-Eliza's bedroom-windows were open and a wash of moonlight streamed across the carpet where huge blue roses outraged the code of Nature. She listened, peering uncertainly into the darkened doorway.

Then, for a moment, reason tottered on her throne. Was it, could it be Miss Livinia, tall and white and wraith-like and with a face illumined? Ellen-Eliza gave a little gasping cry.

But it was Livinia, and in her arms a small, dusty, cobweb-draped figure. And, miracle of miracles! His arms—The Boy's arms—were around her neck—Livinia's neck!

And it was Livinia making that cooing noise in her throat, for all the world like the mother-bird of those mourning-doves in the portico!

It was Livinia who dropped limp and trembling into a chair, half-laughing,



"Hush, my child, lie still and slumber"

half-crying, the dusty figure still in her arms.

Ellen-Eliza scrambled down the three little blue-carpeted steps wholly oblivious of her blighted condition.

Yes, and it was Livinia sobbing in hysterical abandon, the flood-gates of her heart at last wide open, the rush of pent-up love sweeping like a torrent over all boundaries.

"Oh, Ellen-Eliza," she sobbed in a voice totally unlike Miss Livinia's voice of well-bred calm, "he was in the attic. He was hiding—behind—that picture of Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine."

Miss Livinia was feverishly unbuttoning and pulling off Peter's little run-down shoes.

"He—he had eaten the cake, you know," she went on breathlessly. "He just couldn't stand it any longer, poor little lamb, looking at that frosting and those miserable Cupids, and he yielded to the Voice of the Tempter—"

"But I said 'Git thee behind me, Satan,'" pleaded Peter in smothered tones from the depths of Miss Livinia's *moiré* lap, "and he d—didn't git."

"Temptation comes to all of us," pleaded Miss Livinia with extenuating warmth, "in one form or another. With Peter it just happened to be plum-cake. And to think he was hiding up there because he was afraid of me!"

Big, round tears were running down Ellen-Eliza's cheeks and the pretty dimple was lost in a watery grave. She was tremblingly assisting in pulling off Peter's shoes and stockings, lost in speechless wonder at this working of the miracle.

Suddenly Miss Livinia's voice broke.

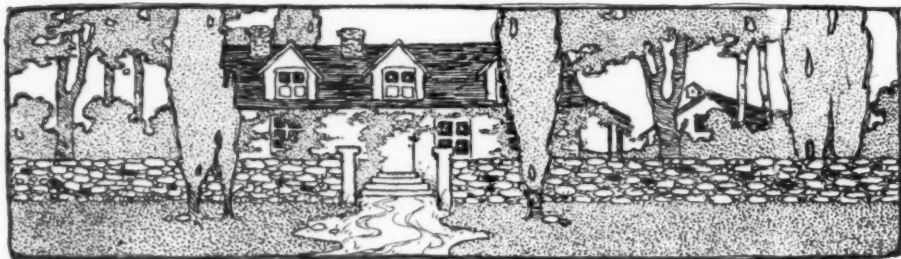
"I heard him sobbing," she went on, as if driving nail into flesh, "and I went over, and there in the very darkest corner, behind the trunks and Bonaparte Crossing the Rhine all covered with dust, I found him. And to think he was hiding there because he was afraid of me when I'd find out he had eaten that hateful old cake! Do you think it will make him very ill? I've half a mind to send for Dr. Billings only he'd be sure to give him some horrible thing he wouldn't want to take. Tell Tilly to bring peppermint and hot water—"

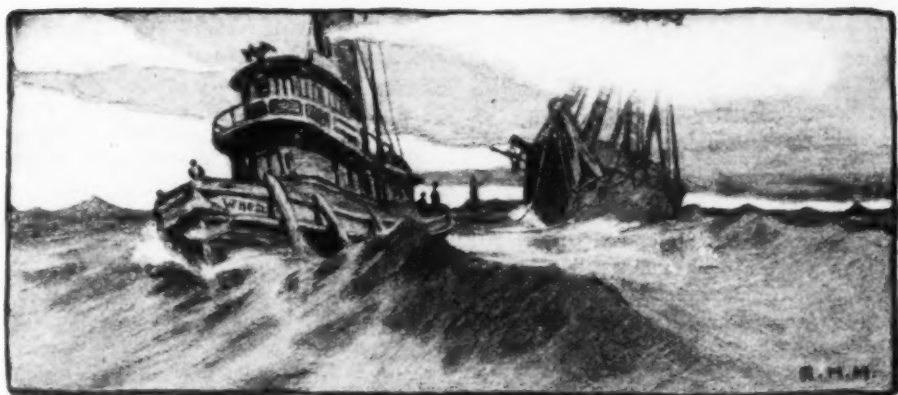
At that moment the spectacle of Tilly in the doorway, round-eyed and open-mouthed in astonishment, presented itself.

"Girl!" spoke Miss Livinia, quite in her most forceful voice of command, "take that cake this instant—do you hear—this instant, and throw it"—she paused as if momentarily contemplating some tragic deed of vengeance—"and throw it to the hens. It can't kill them. And for mercy's sake send some one to make them stop tolling that bell! Bring The Boy's night-clothes here at once and move his cot into my room. Don't stand gaping there like a fish!"

Presently, looking up into Ellen-Eliza's wondering face she gave a queer, tremulous old laugh.

"Do you know what I'm going to do?" she asked defiantly, flinging her ultimatum like a zealot of old, "do you know what I'm going to do? I'm going to rock him to sleep and sing 'Hush, My Child, Lie Still and Slumber,' so you may as well close the doors."





The tug rolled to her beam ends every alternate second

The Heart of a Fighter

BY LAWRENCE PERRY

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THE coastwise tug, *Wheelwright*, lying alongside a very dirty coal-pier at Norfolk on a blustery Monday morning, should have started for New York forty-eight hours earlier. As a reason for the delay young Jerry Tighe, the captain, had cited the howling northwester predicted by the government meteorologists. But every one on the tug knew that was not the reason, and more, Captain Jerry knew they knew it. At the time, there was more than a capful of wind outside, to be sure, but certainly not enough to keep the *Wheelwright* in port. In brief, the tug-captain had delayed simply that he might tow the schooner, *Sans Souci*, to New York.

Later, the *Wheelwright* pounded sternward into a slip cluttered with driftwood and bitumen, stopping within heaving-line distance of the old schooner. The towing-cables were dragged writhing out of the water and made fast to the winch and stern bitts. And then the real reason for Captain Jerry's desire to tow the *Sans Souci* appeared, for he put off in a handy skiff, boarded the schooner, and plunged

as soulfully as might be into conversation with Belle Hawkins, daughter of old Tom, the bargeman.

Miss Hawkins was not of the unimpressive sort; her eyes were gray and very merry, and her hair, sun and wind beaten, shone with a tawny luster—and she graced a blue flannel blouse, open at the throat, and a gray-green corduroy skirt as much as they graced her, which was considerable.

She was not always of the *Sans Souci*; in winter she attended high school, living with an aunt in one of the water-board wards of New York City. But when the genial months came she joined her father and strong armed brother in the cabin of the schooner, at which time the old hooker assumed, in Captain Jerry's eyes, all the glowing attributes of some queenly barge of antiquity. In other words, the young skipper loved Belle Hawkins, and while old Tom and his son were attending to the cables in the bow, he had taken occasion to board the craft and tell her so.

"So you want to marry me, Jerry?"

said the girl in her crisp, laughing way, not unkindly.

"Yes," replied Jerry gratefully, "that," and he smiled deprecatingly, "was what I was a-trying to get at."

Jerry, like the girl, was something of an exotic. He had a good face, clean and square cut; his shoulders were very broad, and his limbs long and straight.

"Jerry," said the girl, still smiling, "I've known you a great while now; but I didn't know—I didn't think that—that you cared—this way."

"Well, I do, kid," said Jerry. "I've cared this way a good while—a good long while. You're different from the rest. You've got an education, and I'm making money, and between the two of us we could start up a home of the right kind, up-town, and be something decent, and amount to something."

"That would be awfully nice, Jerry: there's no question about that; I am glad you can think that way." She paused and a wistful look stole into her eyes. "But am I the one? Do you love me—*big*? You know what I mean. You want to get married and settled down—mightn't it just as well be some other girl? Wont your love or attraction or whatever you feel for me die out in time; a few months, a few years? Are you steadfast? If you married me, Jerry, you would have to love me, *love me*, as hard as anything; else—where would that home and all the other dreams you have thought out go?"

"Holee mackerel!" ejaculated the wondering young man, "you mean that I can marry you if I can prove that after I am married I wont be sorry I done it!"

"Now, don't be angry; yes, that's just what I do mean. It is fair to me, and—"

"Yes, but it aint fair to me, if you wont tell me how I can prove it!"

"You don't understand, Jerry."

"I don't go after things only to let 'em go. You know that. Why, kid, you're the only girl I ever thought of twice in my life—and I love you, and I always did love you, and I always am going to love you, so help me God!"

The girl was looking at him with all laughter gone from her eyes. Something in his expression, the intensity of it; something in the timbre of his words;

something in his eyes—as of a man discovering his estate in all fullness thereof; something big and thrilling and magnetic and strong suffused the gray eyes with a soft mist, and the girl lived the moment in full appreciation of its worth and solemn significance.

"Do you know what you have said, Jerry? Say it again."

And he said it again.

She came close to him and put a hand on either shoulder and looked close into his eyes.

"And I believe you—you big—big tiger—lover of mine!"

And he seized her wrists and bent down and kissed her forehead. She twisted away, blushing, ran to the cabin, and turned in the doorway.

"I'm very, very glad, Jerry!"

Then she disappeared.

A while later the old *Sans Souci*, sans also well-fitting canvas, sans cleanliness, or trim or initiative, or anything else of the components of a proud coastwise wind-jammer—a frayed-out old craft, packed with coal which oozed and weltered from her seams, was dragged from her pier willy-nilly at the end of two stout hempen cables.

The afternoon was at its full—an afternoon of piling, tumbling, blue-black clouds with slits of pale green—as the *Wheelwright*, with the old *Sans Souci* stumbling grouchy three hundred yards astern, steamed past the Cape Charles lightship, bleak and desolate, and with a farewell blast of her whistle faced the open sea. It was fairly rough going, and Captain Jerry, twisting his chin over his right shoulder, glanced along the thrumming cables to the wallowing schooner. Twice he had caught the flash of a dress, but this time a glimpse of old Tom's blue shirt crisscrossed with white suspenders was the only reward.

And yet Captain Jerry smiled. Back there floated his beautiful life—in his charge—in his care. Here, with hand on the wheel, he was working, not for himself, but for her; and hereafter the money he made would be for her happiness, and the things he did would no longer be done merely for the doing, but



Back there floated his beautiful life

that her pride in him might be augmented. His soul surged in a wild song, such as the clouds were making, and his mind was filled with big, brave thoughts of things to be done, of a bigger, broader life to be lived. Did he love her? Did he! Hey! If she could be with him now, what would he say? Well, nothing, perhaps. He had said his say; hereafter he must live it out, and then they would see. This thought drifted over Jerry's mind like a wet fog.

Another thought came. He had never known fear; but it came to him now, suddenly. Fear—not for himself—but suppose something should happen on this

trip—something that would prevent his ever proving anything. He had lost barges before in angry seas, and once he had been unable to rescue the crew. Suppose. . . . Jerry glanced sideways at Tommy Devine, the mate. She was out there far from the grasp of his helping hand, should she need it! Jerry's breath went from him in a gasp. What if the lines should break in the storm that seemed brewing, this night? What if the line should break and she should go plunging away from him into the heart of the wild gloom? Ah, it was too soon—for that! In sheer weakness he relinquished the wheel to Devine, walked to the chart-

locker, and sat down. It all depended upon a few hempen strands, his happiness.

He turned to his mate.

"We're working into quite a storm, Tommy," he said. "Hadn't we better make into Machipongo Inlet for the night?"

Devine's mouth fell open in sheer amazement.

"Eh?" he cried, and then as he came to a realizing sense of Jerry's words he tugged at the wheel a moment in silence. Then he looked at his skipper. "Make for a lee," he said, "with a sea like a floor of a lady's bedroom, more or less! Well, I'm hanged!"

He fell silent for another minute, looking solemnly at Jerry. Then he turned to the wheel, and laughed aloud, short and crisp.

Jerry knew what that laugh meant. No man had ever laughed at him before—in that way. Well—Devine knew why. He was glad Tommy knew. And he was sure that he loved her!

And Devine laughed again, as Jerry sat staring absently out of the port window. He laughed because he knew Jerry would not dare to knock him down, as things stood.

"Cripes!" said Jerry later in the afternoon as a sharp puff of wind rattled across the pilot-house. "I wish that girl had a-come in the tug as I wanted her to."

He tooted his whistle in a signal for a deck-hand, and Mike Noonan hurried forward, craning his neck up at the pilot-house.

"Say, Mike, how are the cables holding—all right?"

"Why, sure," said the amazed Noonan—"why wouldn't they?"

"Why, sure!" echoed Devine, who had been having rare fun all afternoon. "Hoot! Why wouldn't they?"

Jerry turned to him fiercely; but his eyes fell before the mate's derisive gaze.

"You—you go to—"

He stopped short of the retort he made ordinarily.

The afternoon faded away like an old man dying—softly, impalpably, until the shadows gathered thickly into twilight.

The girl had just waved a handkerchief over the bow of the schooner, the last signal before the dark, and Jerry, seizing the whistle-cord, had tooted the coastwise salute.

A swift rattle of wind smote his face, and went quickly away. Jerry turned to Devine.

"There's a snorter coming. I tell you. Just our luck!"

"Well, let it come," drawled the mate.

He leaned out the window and summoned Noonan.

"How about extra stays on the funnel?" he yelled. "We don't want to jerk it out when we get rolling."

Jerry looked at his mate, and recalled that for some hours Devine had attended to all details that he might naturally have been expected to attend to himself. But it was all right—he loved a woman; many allowances were due him, he felt.

"I rigged the stays an hour ago," Noonan was saying, "and I put a sea-anchor up for'd, too."

"All right; better switch the lights on;" and Devine's concluding words were whistled away in a shriek of wind.

Noonan hurried astern and fumbled at the deck switchboard, until suddenly three white lights twinkled aloft, while from out of the door leading to the engine-room a long lurid glow leaped out and splashed across the rocking gloom.

Swiftly now the darkness groveled over the waters. The sky grew so heavy with it that it sank in sable folds to the sea, which bit and gnashed at them with gray fanged waves. The wind swept past with a screech and with an intensity that seemed to suck the Hog Island light from its globe, drawing it out to sea, a thin, pallid streak, like an anæmic light-ray.

Jerry left the wheel to the mate and second deck-hand and went below for the last look he would have of the schooner until the new dawn came. Noonan was seated on a pile of hawser astern, under the deck-house, at ease, imperturbable.

He grinned at the captain, and then the two strained their eyes along the great cable at the end of which a black amorphous shape reeled and pitched itself into a blur. They could see the mast-

head lights executing dervish dances against a shrouded sky, and they could see the dull blood-glint of a swaying port lamp.

"Well, she's there all right," and Captain Jerry's face softened as he thought of the great value of his trust; the first of that terrible love-responsibility that he had ever felt. He had always felt his responsibilities, but compared to this they all seemed vague, impersonal. It was really a trust to which in comparison duty, honor, indeed his own life, were intrinsically valueless. It hit him between the eyes; it emphasized the illusions under which he had been laboring all day. "Yes, she's there, all right," he repeated.

"The schooner, sure," said Noonan.

"Sure, the schooner," said Jerry, mentally cursing his deck-hand for a thick-skinned idiot. "Let me know if anything happens to those lines,

Mike. Stick here—hard and fast, eh?"

"Sure," said Mike, "and if the lines break I'll hold 'em with me fingers," the last of which, of course, Jerry was not permitted to hear.

At midnight the full force of the storm had broken, and in the pilot-house three straining figures fought at the

wheel. Giant shapes rose against the tug, soft, sleek, velvety shapes, slipping out of the careening darkness, dealing blows in which there was no hint of softness, while other combers, less subtle, bared their teeth boldly and bit at the sharp

bow, which drew their fangs one by one. The heavy clouds, rolling above, were visible only as one describes a current in a turbid stream, and astern the towing cables sang as wild a song as ever flowed from the harp of Æolus.

Jerry had risen to the fight. Weak, puling premonition had given place to staggering actuality. A condition had to be faced—and he was facing it for her—and her alone. He knew that it was a better fight than he had ever made, just for this reason. If there had been a quarter of an hour in which the girl had gone completely from his mind—what of it? She had been at the bottom, she had been

the incentive of everything he had done—of every order given, of every ounce of strength put into the wheel. He did not have to tell himself this as he writhed at the spokes with his men; it was something understood, something as sure and beyond question as the breath he drew.

A gaunt tiger-wave reared out of the black sea with lithe ferocity and, leaping



Miss Hawkins, of the *Sans Souci*

aboard, slashed along the deck, ripped out the entire length of the starboard rail, and caved in a portion of the steel deck-house. Jerry straightened up suddenly as a steel rod springs straight. His hair was all tousled, and he glared out ahead, grinding his teeth. He hurled a curse at that wave—and other things; but of this he knew nothing. His eyes were bloodshot and he saw things red as he buckled down to the wheel.

"Cripes!" panted Devine; "a nasty jolt!"

Jerry snarled, and as he looked at his mate his teeth were bared—there was blood on them.

"Get in, Tommy; get in," he yelled; "we'll wrack this tow through hell itself—and win through."

A dull report like a pistol-shot in a fog drifted into the pilot-house, and as the *Wheelwright* slewed sideways there came another report, the tug leaping forward as if from a catapult. With a half scream Jerry jerked his head about and saw the schooner's yellow lights astern wriggling away in the dark.

"The lines have gone!" he cried; "the schooner's broken loose—after we've been fighting for her all night!"

He wrenched out a wheel-spoke in the frenzy of defeat. Jerry's was no intricate mind. Defeat! That was the big idea—and it was all that he could handle.

"She's gone; but she wont beat us! There's fifteen hundred ton of coal slipping up on us! I'm going after it, do you hear?"

"You lie!" Devine turned to him a white, working face. "You lie! You're goin' a'ter that girl of your'n. You're riskin' us for her! Coal be———! It's her, her, *her*! Tell it out like a man—don't lie to us!"

Her! The flame died out of Jerry's face. Sure it was her. He turned his head away from his mate, and his brain hummed in sheer impotence of thought or word.

"Oh, go on a'ter her!" cried Devine feverishly. "No one's stoppin' ya—only be straight."

And with right good-will the men followed their captain's example and spun the wheel until the tug's head pointed

across the seas instead of dead into them.

Down into the trough stumbled the *Wheelwright*, and up and out again, and over, clawing desperately through a labyrinth of mad waves toward the faint lights reeling farther and farther away. The screw flailed the water with redoubled fury as Jerry poured signals into the engine-room, but it was a fury duplicated, exceeded, indeed, by the waves.

They came from everywhere, buffeting the tug from keel to pilot-house—crazy cross-seas, the combers fighting among themselves; slashing, crashing, tumbling over one another without natural rhyme or reason.

"Mother!" cried Jerry, glaring down at the turmoil, and struggling to regain an even footing upon the tumbling floor. "This craft is getting nowhere on a straight course—just going crabwise—upside down. But we'll land that black beast! On, on—keep a goin'!" and he pulled the signal-crank till it rattled in its notches. Suddenly he leaned forward and peered out into the darkness; his lips framed an exclamation, but no sound came; his eyes snapped in the intensity of his emotion.

"Does any one see those lights?" he cried, turning to his men.

"They're gone, sure," said Devine; she's pitch-poled, no doubt; better work our head up into the seas again."

"Work nothing up!" shouted Jerry. "Jam her along till we ride right on top of her. Work our head up!"

The tug rolled to her beam ends every alternate second. The decks were impassable, and the stout craft rose wearily as if making up her mind to cry enough. Another section of the rail ripped free on a boarding wave. Jerry had just opened his lips to swear at this when his eye was caught by a dull shape against the first faint gray of approaching dawn. He sounded a series of blasts upon his whistle to warn the approaching craft as to his location. But there was no reply. The blur grew more defined.

"Give it to her again," suggested Devine in a low, strained voice.

Before the renewed blasts of the whistle had merged into the sounds of



He dived down under a wave, biding the bow's descent

the storm, Jerry's hopeful suspicions as to the identity of the craft were realized.

"It's the schooner—our tow!" Noonan's voice rang in from outside the wheel-house.

"Hurrah!" shouted Jerry, "she just naturally can't lose us, can she? Like a horse coming to eat out of your hand. Now we'll get a line aboard her—and it will hold, too."

Then the smile faded, and leaning far out he saw the schooner distinctly. There were no signs of life aboard; the masts were gone. They might be below, and then again they might—

A shout aroused the young skipper.

"Eh!" he cried, glancing at the schooner, "she's a-coming right at us—and coming hard. Look out, you!"

His hand flew to the signal-crank, calling for sternway, and quick.

One turn—three turns. On came the schooner.

"It isn't going to hit us," shouted Noonan. "See!"

As they watched, the schooner lumbered up close in great black, slimy silence, nuzzled the port rail, scraping off the few fenders that remained, and then, rising on a wave, crashed her bow down not a foot from the tug's battered hull, rolling off then, half upon her side, in delirious indecision.

Captain Jerry rang for full speed astern time and again. He was so angry at the slimy, hulking, souging craft that his eyes burned.

Two minutes elapsed. He called for half speed ahead, groping carefully. Suddenly, as if by magic, the schooner, in the grip of a treacherous cross-current, skulked out of the half gloom again, and before any one could raise a hand was lying diagonally across the tug's bow, about fifteen feet away. She had a half list to starboard, and they could hear the creak and groan of working planks, and the spit of the foam through widening seams. The frayed bow drooled coal, and tangled rigging, and splintered ends of dirty planking. As the tug started to back away, a wave crashed the schooner into her bow. The cutwater bit viciously into the soggy hull, holding there like

grim death until the hulk wrenched angrily away, great gushes of liquefied coal pouring from a jagged rent in her side, above the water-line.

As it went Jerry caught the glint of a light in the after deck-house. That might mean anything—or nothing at all. There was no time to ponder it, for under the influence of a baleful cross-current the schooner swung clear around, heading for the *Wheelwright* bow on, charging like a mad bull. On it came. A swell intervened, however, and threw it from a true course; instead of hitting the tug amidships where it had first aimed, the derelict shot by the stern, grazing it, ripping out a three-foot section of the counter, and then turned and reeled with drunken, leering cunning toward the tug again.

Jerry was now far past all reason. As a man's white face flashed from the derelict's rail he shook his fist at it. His men ran about, cursing their impotence and the madness of the thing for which they had risked their lives all through the night.

The waves routed her on. She cavorted and flailed in a short orbit like a mad hag, and the tug could not muster sufficient speed through the smother to clear her.

As she shot past again, grazing the tug, Jerry suddenly leaped from the wheel and, bidding his men hold on, fairly tumbled down the companionway, weeping in a red flare of wrath. Running down astern he joined his deck-hands, where, seizing the end of a heaving-line, he knotted it about his waist, throwing the other end into the faces of the men.

"Here, hold this!" he cried; "no rotten hulk is going to shoot at me all day and make a fool of us."

Back came the schooner, sighing and groaning. As it rolled up nearly abreast, Jerry rose to his full height and without a word leaped into the mad sea, striking out with brave breast-strokes to keep himself on top of the wave that he had calculated would carry him to the schooner's bow. The wave sank with him swiftly, gently, until another one leaping up smashed on his head and drove him down under fifteen feet of black water.

But he fought up, climbing another wave with fierce energy, plunging down the slope of it, splashing, as he had intended, right under the burrowing bow. It reared high above him; he could see the waters under the shaggy keel—some grotesque, reeking shade of a nightmare toppling above him. He dived down under a wave and fought his way back a trifle, biding the bow's descent; and descend it did, slowly, deliberately, but with the force of untold energies. Jerry's fingers closed on the dangling forechains, and as the bow rose, he rose with it, clambering up to the soggy deck with simian agility.

"Let go your cable!" Jerry's command came faintly to those on the tug. But Noonan needed no command, having already started to pay out the line hand over hand. As Jerry jumped inboard a hand touched him lightly on the shoulder. His arms were working like pistons. He did not turn his head.

"Jerry, Jerry," and the girl's voice broke with a thrill of emotion. "Oh, it was grand!"

Jerry, still intent upon securing the cable, turned his head half-sideways. He wanted to feel—well, something. But he

could not. The memory of the weak womanly hours of the early afternoon seared him white hot; later it had been better, when he was fighting for her, for her alone, not *fearing* for her.

Fighting for her? Had he fought for her? Yes. Of course. And yet all that filled his mind was mad waves, a treacherously escaping schooner, the travail of passion and the reaction of curses—and the glow of final triumph. His thoughts went off in a whirling blur. But, blame it, he had that schooner just where he wanted her, and the tug had worked her head up, and was lying true! He had won—that was certain. He turned to his work.

"So you tried to get away from us, did you, kid! Well, you got left."

Then a jerk on the heaving-line called his thoughts as well as his muscle seaward.

"Belle," he cried impatiently, "tell your father I want him here—and you stay in the cabin. This is no place for a woman!"

And womanlike, Belle Hawkins understood, and smiling proudly as a true woman should, went away.

Suspense

BY J. J. BELL

THE newly whitewashed front of the cottage was almost dazzling in the afternoon sunshine; the freshly-painted porch and window-frames of bright green stood out in perhaps rather vivid contrast. It was evident that every small pane of glass had been polished to its last degree of brilliancy, and that the white curtains within had not been hanging there many days; as a matter of fact, the curtains had been put up that morning. It was plain, too, that the training of the yellow roses to the left of the porch and the pink roses to the right had been regulated but recently; while the plots beneath them, sweet with mignonette and gay with pansies and calceola-

rias, were trim almost to primness. The gravel path had the appearance of having been raked till every pebble or fragment of shell had found its proper place, and the bit of lawn had been cropped and swept till not a daisy showed. The flagstones in the porch itself had been thoroughly pipeclayed, and then elaborately scrolled in brick color.

Clearly a visitor of some consequence was expected, for not only was the cottage prepared for one, but on the porch, dressed in her best—her Sabbath garments—stood the mistress, one brown and wrinkled hand shadowing her faded eyes. As she scanned the dusty road that wound along the shore of the loch she

smiled and sighed. Her expectation was not without anxiety.

Suddenly, dropping her hand, she turned and peered into the cool, dim passage beyond the doorway.

"Duncan!" she called. "What are ye daein, ben there? Come here!"

Presently her husband came slowly and heavily along the passage, and halted beside her. He was shaggy, grizzled, and bent, more perhaps from exposure and toil than from age, for there was still much strength in his great limbs, and a spark in his deep-set eyes.

"Can I no get keekin' into the laddie's room?" he asked, with a twinkle, adding, "I thocht ye had maybe forgot something."

"Me forget!" she cried indignantly. "I hope ye didna touch onything. Duncan."

"Aw, I was jist rearrangin' things generally," he said teasingly.

"Tits! I ken ye're jokin'," she returned, and once more placed her hand above her eyes.

The old man consulted an ancient and corpulent silver watch.

"Ye're ower early," he remarked, as he stepped out of the porch, and turned to survey the front of his home. "The boat'll jist be comin' to the pier noo. He canna be here for twinty meenutes yet."

"The boat micht be in afore it's time," said the old woman, without moving. "Are ye shair ye tell't Geordie to be there wi' his machine?"

"If I didna," said Duncan, smiling, "I've been tellin' ye lees since last nicht. Dinna fash yersel'."

There was a short silence while she followed him into the sunshine.

"I'm thinkin' it's a peety ye didna let me pent the windows rid," the old man remarked, pointing to his handiwork. "D'ye no think rid wud ha'e been cheer-ier like, Betty?"

"I'm thinkin' ye're a muckle haver," returned Betty good-humoredly. "Rid's faur ower fancy for folk like us. What's the time noo, Duncan?"

"Jist four. I doot the boat'll be late the day," he observed, winking. "Can ye no sit doon an' rest ye? Ye've been like a hen on a het girdle since the mornin'. Ye'll be wearit when Alick gets here."

"Na, na, I'm no wearit," she said, smiling.

Then she sighed.

They went back to the porch, and the old man fetched a stool for her. But she would not sit down, and resumed peering under her hand at the stretch of road.

Presently she sighed again.

"Hoots wife!" exclaimed her husband a trifle impatiently. "What's vexin' ye noo?"

"I'm thinkin' o' Alick," she murmured.

"Weel, so am I; but that's no' a thing to be vexed aboot."

"Ah, but I'm thinkin' he'll be—he'll be terrible changed. Twinty year's a lang, lang time. I doot he'll no' enjoy hissel' here."

And she sighed once more.

"He'll enjoy hissel' fine!" said Duncan promptly. "What for wud he come a' the road frae Ameriky if he wasna' wantin' to see us an' the auld hoose, eh?"

"Maybe he thocht it was his duty to come—"

"So it is his duty."

"Ay; but I wud rather he was comin' jist to please hissel', Duncan."

"An' so he is, Betty! Ye're jist vexin' yersel' aboot naethin'. D'ye think he wud leave his wife an' weans an' his business, an' pey a' that siller to come an' see us, if he wasna' jist wearyin' to come? Nae fears! Alick wud be yer ain laddie yet, if it was fifty instead o' twinty year, I'm tellin' ye!"

Betty smiled tremulously, dubiously: and her husband, with the best intention in the world, said rather loudly,

"I'm shair Alick's jist daft to see the place again. He'll be makin' Geordie leather his horse. 'Deed, ay!"

"Maybe," said the old woman slowly, "maybe he'll no' think muckle o' this place efter Ameriky. Ye ken hoo he's aye tellin' us in his letters o' the wunnerfu' places there. An' I'm whiles feart he'll think the hoose has got awfu' wee an' auld fashioned-like. Ye see, Alick's got gey big notions noo. Ye can tell that frae his letters."

Duncan wagged his gray head in a sage fashion. "They'll be gey big notions that Alick canna tak' into the hoose he was born in," he said confidently, per-

haps a little more confidently than he really felt.

"I wudna' be blamin' him," said Betty gently. "Twinty year's a lang time."

"Weel, I wud be blamin' him!" Duncan replied. "But ye needna' be feart, auld wife. Alick'll be changed on the ootside, nae doot—he canna help that—but I'll bate ye onything he'll be his mither's son. He'll be tellin' ye that everything here is jist 'fair champion.' Dod, Betty, d'ye mind when he used to ca' everything that pleased him 'fair champion,' eh?"

"'Deed, ay! Oh, if I was hearin' him sayin' that again, I wud ken he wasna' muckle changed."

Duncan chuckled. "I mind ye used to check him for sayin' the vera words, Betty. Ye tell't him there was nae meanin' in them."

"Did I?"

"Ay, did ye! Even when he said them about yer tattie scones, an' cakes, an' the ither things ye used to bake for him."

"Aw, but he was a wee laddie then."

"Na, he wasna'. It was efter he gaed to the office in Glesca, an' when he used to come hame on the Seturdays. Oh, I mind it fine! 'Fair champion'—his vera words! An' ye checkit him for sayin' them!"

"Weel, weel; maybe ye're richt. But I doot his speech'll be like anither language, noo."

"I daursay he'll maybe hae a bit *quack* in his speech, but ye needna heed aboot that. I'll no' be surprised if he looses it afore he gangs back to Ameriky."

There was a pause, during which Duncan joined his wife in watching the road.

Betty spoke first. "D'ye think he'll be vexed at us for no spendin' ony o' the siller he's been sendin' us?"

"Dinna say onything aboot it," said Duncan. "Alick wud be offendit if he thocht that he was gaun to get it back some day. We'll jist let on we've spent a pickle o't, an' pit the rest by for oor auld age." Here Duncan chuckled so heartily that his wife had to join him. "Oor auld age!" he repeated gleefully.

But the mother's heart was not reassured. Betty could not get rid of the foreboding, which had seized her shortly

after the announcement of her son's intended visit, that he would be changed toward herself, his father, and the humble home. For he had married and had sons and daughters. He had done well in the New World: and from his letters she knew that the people he mixed with socially were not as herself and her husband. But she had long ago subdued her jealousy of Alick's wife; she had always implicitly believed him when he wrote that his growing business prevented a trip to the old country; and she had been proud to learn of his "grand" acquaintances.

Yet now there was, in the midst of all her love, the foreboding, the fear which, with her son's visit, would surely end either in heartache or exceeding joy.

The old man had put his pipe in his mouth, and was in the act of striking a match, when his wife caught his arm, crying—

"He's comin'! Alick's comin'!"

She pointed to the machine which had just turned a bend in the road, a furlong distant. Then, with her face quivering, she went down the path to the little green gate.

Duncan struck another match, and applied it to his pipe, but the flame danced over the bowl so that he could not get the tobacco ignited.

"Tah!" he muttered angrily, and followed his spouse, puffing smokelessly.

Half-way down the path he halted, turned, and stood gazing at the sky over the roof of the cottage. He heard the wagonette drive up, the wheels grate as the brake was applied. He heard voices.

Then his turn came. He faced about, took a few steps forward, and shook hands with his only son.

"Weel, Alick!" he said, as if they had parted the previous day.

In the cool of the evening father and son sat on the garden-seat, the paint of which was not long dry, in front of the parlor window. The old man, doing his best to smoke a cigar, asked brief questions, and listened to long answers, ejaculating now and then, "Weel, weel!", "Dod, but that bates a'!", "D'ye tell me that!", and other expressions of ap-

proval, astonishment, or admiration. Yet all the time he was asking himself a question.

When Betty had finished washing the dishes from the evening meal, she came to the door, intending to join the twain; but on the porch something made her linger, and presently she seated herself on the stool which her man had brought out in the afternoon. Roses grew thickly up the side of the porch, and through an aperture in the leafy screen she watched her husband and son, listening the while to the latter's talk.

Her heart was unsatisfied. And yet she could not have told what it wanted. There had been nothing cold about Alick on or since his arrival. His greeting at the gate had been eager and affectionate: his appreciation of her preparations in the little room which was to be his during his fortnight's stay had quite overwhelmed her for the moment: his quick recognition of a score or so of once familiar objects of use and ornament in the kitchen and parlor had delighted her: and his innumerable recollections of the old home days had charmed her, so that she could make no remark save "Jist that, laddie!" or "Fine I mind it, Alick!" or, "So ye did, dearie!"

Perhaps her heart was wanting too much. Perhaps it was foolish to have hoped that her boy would return in the man, whose age she remembered with a shock, was near four-and-forty. She watched him as he sat there talking, the unfamiliar cigar in the left corner of his mouth, and she remembered the distant day she had caught him smoking a pipe charged with her precious tea. He looked older and more careworn than she had ever imagined him; his last photograph had not been quite truthful. His clean-shaven face was too thin, she thought; his color was white beside his father's. Probably it did not occur to her that Alick was rather a poor specimen of manhood compared with Duncan.

She listened to his voice. Ay, it surely had the "quack" that her husband had spoken of, yet she loved it for the respectful tone it seemed to hold for the old man. But there was an entire absence of the old-time expressions and words,

and there were present phrases which she did not understand at all. No, her heart was not satisfied.

The sun had just gone down beyond the hills when Alick rose and threw away the end of his cigar.

"Isn't mother coming out?" he asked.

"Oh, she'll be workin' about the hoose," said his father. "She's aye busy at something, ye ken."

"Well, I'll away and help her—by bringing her out here. It's too grand an evening to miss," said the son.

"Ay, it's no a bad evenin', but ye'll dootless ha'e grander nor this in Ameriky," returned Duncan, with a stealthy glance from his pipe to his son.

"America!" exclaimed Alick. The old man could not repress a gratified grin. "Weel, the Clyde's ill to bate in fair weather," he remarked, as his son turned towards the porch.

Alick's mother rose at his approach. She smiled to him, almost shyly.

"Weel, dearie," she said softly, tremulously.

He laid his hands on her shoulders, and shook her ever so gently.

"Aye workin' at something, as father says," he said with infinite tenderness. "Just the same as before I went away. Come and see the finest evening that ever was, and—and rest ye. That's it! Sit ye doon an' rest ye!"

He drew her hand through his arm, and led her towards the seat.

Half-way he stopped and looked about him—at the hills, the loch, the sky, with its glory of sunset—looked lingeringly at these; then at the cottage.

"You've got a new chimney yonder," he remarked abruptly.

His father chuckled. "That's no bad efter twinty year!" he cried.

Alick turned to his mother with a long breath of satisfaction. He made a comprehensive gesture with his arm.

"This," he said, smiling affectionately upon her, "this is what my wee Duncan would call *fair champion*!"

There was a moment's silence.

It was broken by a shout of delight from the old man.

"There noo, Betty! Did I no' tell ye?" he cried triumphantly.

The God From the Machine

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"All the chaperons are of the
Dolly Mickelham variety

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What means this, my lord?
Marry, this is a miching mallecho; it means
mischief.

—Hamlet.

AND this," said Morris, in mock grandiloquence, "is my particular domain. Elsewhere we may be oppressed by chaste art and architecture, elegant simplicity, the quiet subdued taste everywhere apparent—the best dad could hire. Here I brook no officious interference. I have given free rein to all the instincts of the newly rich."

He flourished his hand.

"Behold yon ivy-covered bower—
That's its name—The Right Bower.
Strictly speaking, it's Maderia vine and

climbing roses, but ivy sounds better. Here everything is given over to lavish profusion and glittering ostentation: Within—billiards, cards, ping-pong, boxing-gloves, foils, books, rockers, guitars, banjos, window-seats, cosy-corners; without—golf, tennis, archery, green grass—strictly to be walked on—hammocks, all manner of insidious trees, sheltered walks, shady nooks, babbling —"

"Fools?" suggested Jack.

"—brooks—babbling brooks. Don't throw me out of my stride. Do you want to do all the talking? In this sylvan retreat, far from the madding crowd at Brooklyn Bridge, we may hold high commune with Nature—assisted and expurgated by an invisible corps of landscape-gardeners—forgetting the patrons, Colonial Dames, Pilgrim Fathers, Soap and Steel, the Cavaliers, and Daughters of the Revolution, Standard Oil, and Elevated, or whatever our particular cross may be. We may smoke, sing, dance, read; play blackman or pussy-wants-a-

corner; sleep if you want to; do just exactly as we jolly well please. You will observe that we are hidden from the house by the bosky dell—don't know exactly what a 'dell' is, but let it go at that. Servants intruding on these sacred precincts are punished by death and forfeiture of tips."

"But—" began Jack.

"I've thought of that," said Morris, forestalling objection. "All the chap-erons are of the Dolly Mickleham variety, and I've invited enough Carters to keep one on duty continually. Dew will be provided for Kneipp curists; robins from four to six; bobolinks at intervals, as desired; swallows dart to and fro in the sunshine, and beer in the refrigerator. Automobiles and launches when you're tired of resting."

"There's no moon," grumbled Jack. "There ought to be a moon. Its influence—"

"I forgot it. You never think of anything but girls," said Morris, sulkily. "I suppose I'll have to order you a moon. Anyway, I wanted to see you a little myself and talk over old times." He prodded the turf with his stick. "I say, Jack, do you remember the Arizona moons? That was something like."

"We used to ride to Rainbow of nights," said Jack, brightening, "singing all the way, horses prancing, long, black shadows dancing on ahead of us, the night-wind in our faces, fresh and cool. Good old desert looking just as it did the day Ulysses lit out for Troy town. That was living! Funny no Habanas ever taste as good as black pipes of 'sheep-herder's delight' or brown-paper cigarets."

"Member how we used to play croquet with those nice, flaxy haired Danish girls at the Memphis mine?" queried Morris, dreamily, eyeing a carefully trimmed and balanced tree with unjustifiable interest. "Ground so steep and sandy we couldn't play but one way; had to pick up the balls and go back when we got to the half-way stake. Those were days!

"O, why did *papa* strike pay gravel While drifting—on Poverty Flat?"

"Boys used to drop in to the tunnel

Saturday nights, sometimes," continued Jack, with enthusiasm. "Then we'd have a time: roast venison, hot from the Dutch oven; chili and beans, bully sour dough bread, coffee and the little tin cow! Sherry's can never put up a spread to equal that. Couple of candles stuck in the wall; seven-up on a saddle-blanket. And here we are, making pleasure the whole business of life, and bored to extinction."

"Pretty guest, you are!" said Morris.

"Pretty host, you are!" rejoined Jack, savagely. "How do you expect me to amuse myself with your gilt gingerbread gimcracks now, Sam Morris?"

Sam looked apprehensively behind, to left and right. "Let's run away!" he whispered under a cautious hand.

Jack shook his head sorrowfully. "No good—not unless we could go flat-broke. really. It'd only be a dreary make-believe like this. Tell me, does Amy—"

"Ask her yourself," returned Sam, with asperity. "How do you expect me to know anything about a woman? She seems satisfied and happy, so I suppose she's not. Chuck it, will you? Come along, I've got something to show you. Now, you needn't laugh!"

"Is it—it isn't a pianina?" said Jack, hanging back. "If it is, I stop right here. One has to draw the line somewhere."

"See here," said Sam, startled, "that's devilish close, you know. Are you going in for mind-reading? It's a phonograph—a daisy—extra size. Shut up, will you! We're going to *make* records. It's fun. Say, how'd you guess?"

"Easy enough, my dear Watson," replied Jack, with a superior smile. "Hand me the morphine, will you? Thawnsks, awf'ly. Music's the thing for blue devils ever since the harping of David. It had to be something new, since *you* proposed it. And you said not to laugh. There you are. Simple deduction. Lead on, Macduff; I've got you by the foot."

Sam led the way to a large, bare room.

"Here she is," he announced. "I keep it behind this curtain. Get 'em to singing and we'll slip the curtain a little and get a record. You see, there's no furniture to break the sound-waves. The machine's

almost noiseless, and it's dark in this corner, so they wont catch on. We'll tell 'em it's to be a music-room later and we want to try its acoustic qualities. Coax 'em to sing, and then I'll slip in from the next room and start her up unbeknownst—or you can. Just throw this lever over and slip back. Let her run down. It wont do any harm. When the blank gets just so full it doesn't take the record any longer."

"But why all this gum-shoeing and stealthy cunning?" inquired Jack. "I don't see the point. Why not fetch 'em in and have 'em sing into the receiver, without all this piffle?"

Sam explained.

"If they knew we were taking a record, they'd be self-conscious and spoil it all. Just like posing for a photograph, exactly. We want to snap-shot 'em."

"Don't the records have to be touched up?" said Jack, interested. "Seems to me they had to have gold records made."

"Oh, that's the master-record. That's for business—so they can reproduce thousands of records and have 'em all just alike. We're doing this for fun. Here's the way it works. This recording point—it's a sapphire—"

"Martha! Amy! Sadie!" cried a gay, young voice at the door. "Come up here a minute!"

"It's Agnes," said Sam, straightening up. "Let's join 'em. I don't want 'em to know about this."

"They probably wont want us," objected Jack. "That sounded mysterious and confidential. Why, they're coming here."

He would have stepped out in front of the curtain, but Sam plucked him back by the sleeve.

"S—sh! Hear that!"

"Jack Hollister is the subject of my song," said Agnes, ushering the girls into the room. "He is entirely too indiscriminate in his love-making, too miscellaneous, promiscuous—what is the word? Too impartial—comprehensive—"

"All embracing?" suggested Sadie.

"Too desultory!" announced Agnes, triumphantly. "He always makes love to me in a vague, elusive, meaningless, butterfly fashion—"

"Me, too," volunteered Martha.

"Sadie has already given her testimony—by implication," said Agnes severely, "though his methods seem not to have been so intangible in this case. Amy?"

Amy colored painfully. "He—used to—" she faltered, guiltily.

"Now we are all together," pursued Agnes, "and it is due to ourselves and to our absent sisters to make him a Terrible Example, let's each of us lead him on, extort some semblance of a declaration from him, and—"

"All accept him! Heavenly!" said Martha, ecstatically. "Agnes, you're a genius."

"I've always said so," Agnes said modestly.

"What a dog's life we'll lead him. He'll be scared out of his poor wits!" This was Sadie's contribution.

Jack nudged his host's ribs viciously. "You're eavesdropping!" he hissed, in a horrified whisper.

"I'd scorn such an act!" said Sam sibilantly, virtuously indignant.

He adjusted the lever of the phonograph, opened the door softly, and they fled, choking.

"Golly!" ejaculated Hollister, sinking to the grass, when they were safely out of sight beyond a mass of shrubbery.

"Well, rather!" said Sam heartlessly, and gave way to hilarity. "'Oh shun that lovely snare!' No—don't. There's no escape. Summon your energies for the ordeal. For the credit of our defenseless sex you must make this conspiracy recoil on the heads of these designing creatures who would prey upon your innocence. How rare a sport it is to see an engineer hoist with his own thing-gum-a-bob. Rise up, get you an adjustable engagement-ring, and 'quit yourself like a man.'"

"Oh, shut up!" snapped Jack irritably. "It's all very well for you to talk. You don't have to be—"

"Think of the awful spectacle you would have been, save for the manifest favor of high heaven," exhorted Sam, bombastically. "Throw not away the unparalleled opportunity to avenge our downtrodden race. To arms! Butcher these plotting barbarians to make a metropolitan holiday."



"It is due to ourselves to make him a Terrible Example"

"Oh woman, woman!" sighed Jack, reproachfully, and paraphrasing liberally:

"Oh woman, in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please;
But seen too oft, familiar with thy face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace!"

"Look here, Sam, do you have to do any-tinkering with that infernal machine to get it ready for the holocaust?"

"The record? I'll fix it all right as soon as the girls leave," said Sam, gleefully. "D'ye want to hear it?"

"*Ex pede Herculem*," responded Jack, gloomily. "I've got the general idea, all right. You get it all ready so I can spring it on 'em when I am cowering in my last ditch from their collective vituperation and scorn and stormy wrath."

The prospect cheered him mightily. Nursing his knee, he regarded his toe from various angles with a meditative eye, and declaimed impressively, with deliberate and thoughtful approval:

"Said the Shah of Teherán,
"Now, tell me, if you can,
Why a man his life encumbers
With wives in plural numbers,
When it takes but one, small wife
To make a man's whole life
A source of endless strife?"
Then he swore—the worthy man."

In the music-room the four girls, heads close together, were deep in consultation.

"He'll be wary after he's been snapped up a couple of times," said Sadie. "I'll never be able to catch him after he's on his guard. I claim the first chance at him."

"Second!" said Martha promptly. "Now, be subtle as a serpent. Don't let a chance escape you. Weep, if nothing else will do. I'm going to fall into his arms, myself. It won't be immodest—not for me. I intend to marry him after you girls get him properly educated."

"What do you think I'm doing this for—for fun?" demanded Agnes, indignantly. "I'll marry him myself, if you please. *I'm* managing this. My turn comes first, Martha next, then Sadie, and Amy last—if he gets to her. It'll tax his strategy to prevent an explosion. You girls fall in with all his devices, unsuspiciously. And let each one of us have a clear field, unmolested by the others. I go in search of my victim."

But Amy lingered behind on some pretext. As the others tripped down the steps she buried her face in her hands.

"I'm caught between the horns of a dilemma," she said, for she had the bad habit of thinking aloud. "If I back out, the girls will suspect me. And if I go on, I'll despise him even more than I do now. I've tried to shut my eyes. But he's more worthless and idle every day. He was so brave and manly—once. And I—I can't help it—I love him so!"

II

"Amy, Amy—let me in!"

As Amy opened the door, Agnes, limp and tear-stained, dragged herself in and dropped weakly into a chair.

"Amy—what shall I do?" she demanded miserably. "I'm the most miserable girl on earth. He— Oh Amy, he means it! He—he loves me! What shall I do, what shall I do? I thought he was only fl—flirting!"

"Did he—did you accept him?"

Amy was slightly pale, but Agnes attributed this to the disastrous consequences of their practical joke.

"I—I had to," she sobbed. "I led him on—I fairly flung myself at his head."

"And he caught you? Well, you'll just have to marry him now," said Amy, by way of condolence.

"I can't! I won't! I'm going to m-marry J-Jim," moaned Agnes. "That is, if he ever forgives m-me when he hears of this. Oh, let me go to my room. Get Sadie or Martha to tell Jack—you tell him. I'll never dare look him in the face again. I'm going to lock myself up."

She departed, weeping.

Amy went dully on her way. So, she had lost him. It was Agnes that he loved.

Vainly she searched for her fellow conspirators: inquired at links, tennis-court, and house. Nor was Hollister to be seen. At last she waylaid Sam.

"Martha? Let me see. Why, Martha and Jack went up-stream in a canoe a couple of hours ago."

And he winked prodigiously at his sister's retreating form as she turned riverwards.

She found Martha sitting alone on a bench near the boat-house, in an attitude of frozen grief. On Amy's approach Martha rolled her eyes dismally upward, otherwise preserving her stony rigidity. Amy inferred that she had heard of the catastrophe.

There was a moment of dignified silence.

"Well," said Amy, "don't sit there like a petrified sigh. What are we going to do?"

"You behold before you," said Martha firmly, "the most appalling disaster

of modern times. Francis at Pavia was nothing by comparison to this wreck. He saved something. This is what comes of playing with edged tools."

"Agnes will have to do the explaining herself," said Amy, misunderstanding. "She feels it terribly."

"She feels!" said Martha, in icy calm. "What are her feelings to mine? She isn't engaged to a man she doesn't care two straws about! She hasn't got the responsibility for ruining a man's whole life on her soul—or else her own. Explain? Explain to the man who loves me devotedly that I deliberately broke his heart for amusement! I'll marry him first."

"Why—what!" stammered Amy. "Did Jack—does he?"

"I thought he had told you," said Martha dejectedly. "He was so pathetically happy—poor fellow; he said he was going to tell you and have it announced at once. You could have knocked me down with a feather. Amy, he is dreadfully in earnest. He was so happy the tears were actually rolling down his cheeks when he went away to hunt you up. Don't stare at me like that! How do you suppose I feel?"

"I know exactly how you are *going* to feel," predicted Amy with calm accuracy. "Martha French, I just left Agnes crying her eyes out because Jack Hollister loves her. He has had his life ruined twice to-day by heartless deception. That's what I call being unlucky."

Martha stood up, deliberately snapped her eye-glasses in two, flung one piece to right and one to left.

"The *wretch*!" Her face was a crimson fire. "How *dared* he?"

"Did you fall into his arms?" queried Amy, with cruel shrewdness. Women *are* unkind at times.

"He's—he's probably laying his young affections at Sadie's feet by now," gasped Martha. "She'll be around bewailing her fate presently."

"Maybe we'll be in time—" Amy began.

But Martha cut her short.

"Let her suffer—as I did. It's good for self-conceit."

"Let's go and tell Agnes, then."

"Let her bawl!" said Martha heartlessly. "She got us into this."

Then she broke down and went off into uncontrollable laughter.

"We might as well tell her the glad tidings," she said, relenting.

"We'll cheer her up," said Amy, with malicious intent.

"You poor, dear girl!" said Martha, as Agnes sobbed out her grief and remorse on the bosom of that accomplished hypocrite. "I know exactly how you feel!" (Which was true, but misleading.)

"Who ever could have foreseen such a thing as this! There—there, now! We'll see you through." She stroked the coils of lustrous bronze gently and gloated over the ignominious spectacle. "He'll get over it. 'Men have died and worms have eaten them, but not one of them for love,'" she said consolingly.

Amy interfered, to spare Agnes further humiliation.

"If it will make you feel any better," she said dryly, "I might as well tell you that the victim of your wiles is engaged to Martha, too. He loves her with all the tender devotion of an honest heart. Martha told me so. She was looking over the comparative advantages of cord and chloroform, when I found her. He's engaged to Sadie by now."

"What!" shrieked Agnes. She sprang up with flashing eyes. "The abandoned ruffian!"

"The double-dyed villain," echoed Martha, in sepulchral tones.

"The black-hearted traitor!" chanted Amy, serenely. "The clever scoundrel—to pay us off in our own coin—the monster! I'm sure," unkindly, "your sorrow and remorse does you great credit." She assumed a mushy-mouthed, stagey accent, and spread her arms in an attitude, head thrown back. "Think of his bright young life, untimely blighted, his happiness cut short! There—bathe your eyes, remove the traces of your generous emotion, and we'll go and find Sadie."

But as they were sallying forth, that young person burst into the room precipitately.

"I've got to go home by the next train," she announced in breathless agi-



"Oh, you were a man once; nobody's denying that"

tation. "I'm going to get a wire—father injured in an automobile—small-pox—lost at sea—anything."

She dabbed furtively at her eyes with a damp and wadded handkerchief.

"What's the matter?" said the three in startled chorus.

Sadie sank into a chair.

"Matter!" she repeated in a solemn whisper. "Matter! Girls, I'm engaged—to Jack Hollister."

"Oh you dear thing!" gurgled Martha, with a Judas-kiss. "I'm *so* glad!"

"We thought all along you liked him," explained Agnes, comfortingly, curling up at Sadie's feet and squeezing her hand with a seraphic smile. "And so we—Oh you *lucky* girl!"

"We were sure he was fond of you," said Amy sweetly, standing behind her. "But you've treated him so badly. We knew if you only gave him a chance—Isn't it *lovely*?" she cooed. She slid her hand round under Sadie's chin and tilted her head back. "We all congratulate you, darling!"

"Yes, indeed," said Martha, beaming. "Indeed we do!"

"It's an ideal match—you were made for each other," purred Agnes, patting the captive hand.

"Oh, will you never understand?" protested Sadie, squirming loose and facing her tormentors. "I can't marry him. I don't care for him at all. I never *dreamed* he cared. Oh, was there ever a girl so wretched as I?"

Blank silence.

"We were so sure," said Agnes with a quivering lip.

"We're so sorry. I'm sure we meant it for the best," said Martha soothingly.

"You'll have to keep up the engagement a while," commented Agnes, judicially. "You can carry on with some one else. And we'll all poison his mind against you," generously. "Then you can quarrel and break it off."

"I'll—I'll run away," sobbed Sadie. "No, I'll not. I'll go to him right now and tell him I've been a bad, wicked girl. I'll go down on my knees to him and beg him to forgive me. Why—are you all mad?"

For the three girls had fallen to the

floor, twined in mutual embrace, howling in frantic and unseemly mirth. Painfully, word by word, they made the situation clear.

Sadie took it with easy philosophy.

"Better fool than knave," she observed sententiously. "Besides, it's not so lonely." And she hummed cheerfully:

"All nautical pride,
We laid aside,
And ran the ship ashore."

At twilight, Amy, sitting alone and disconsolate on the music-room steps, with a forlorn chin in her palm, heard a cheerful voice within:

"Starlight, star bright,
First star I've seen to-night.
Wish I may, wish I might
Get the wish I wish to-night!"

it caroled gayly.

"Hello! Amy—that you? Come and wish. There's just one star you can see from this window."

Amy obeyed the summons, but at the window she drew back rebelliously.

"Oh, what's the use?" she queried, wearily. "'There's nothing new and nothing true, and it doesn't signify.'"

"I wish we were back on the Mangus—just you and I and old Sam," ventured Jack hopefully. "You wish so, too, just this once—and see what'll happen."

Amy felt her face flush hotly. How ignoble, how contemptible of him, to drag up the memory of those old days—now.

"Yes," she scoffed, bitterly. "You'd look well in Arizona, wouldn't you? You may manage to escape notice here, but sized up by the side of real men—what a tenderfoot you'd be!" She laughed disagreeably.

"I used to give a fair imitation of a man," said Jack gloomily. "Who was it that brought back your saddle-horse from the Trans-Colorado country when he was stolen, I'd like to know? Who followed him over Kaiba Mesa, up the Kanal Wash clear into Utah to the very shadow of Charles Peak? Any one who can go through No Man's Land and back with a whole skin is no tenderfoot, I can tell you."

"I'd like to see you do it now," jeered Amy. "You'd need a valet, a barber, a

tailor, a chauffeur, a doctor, and a cavalry escort."

Both had forgotten their parts for the moment, under the potent sorcery of awakened memories.

"Who dragged himself from White Rock to Jackson's with a broken leg?" demanded Jack, in a white heat of anger.

"Oh, you were a man once—nobody's denying that," returned Amy, bitterly. "More shame to you. What a pity a little gold had power to change your whole nature."

"Copper," corrected Jack, mildly, recollecting himself. "Copper—oxide and silicates."

Amy ignored the flippancy

"Of all the aimless, useless, butterfly lah-de-dahs!" She brought out the words with vicious emphasis. "What does the future mean to you? Dressing, eating, calls, dances, flirting—"

The words recalled her to the present, and she took up her rôle.

"Utterly without principle, lost to shame! Look at your day's work! Oh you may well start!" Jack averted his face. "Here are three of the sweetest girls I know, heart-broken, humiliated, crushed with shame and despair by your cowardly, infamous duplicity," she improvised.

Hollister's shoulders heaved with emotion before this savage onslaught. He passed a hand over his brow. She took up her tirade victoriously.

"No wonder you dare not look me in the face. You didn't think your treachery would be discovered. Doubtless you have grown overconfident with your impunity in the past. But you haven't brains enough to be a scoundrel. If this were known, your name would become a hissing and a byword!"

"Amy!" he implored.

"Don't 'Amy' me! Don't dare speak to me! There will be no exposure, for the sake of those poor girls. You are my guest, but if you have any shreds of conscience left, you will slink away and hide your infamy!"

"You'll be sorry for this," Jack warned her.

"You—you lady killer!" said Amy, tasting all the sweets of revenge. "A

flirt!" she stormed. "A vain, heartless, male flirt! Of all the cruel, contemptible—"

"Amy!"

"—despicable—"

"Amy!"

"—base—"

"Oh, very well," said Jack, resignedly. "I meant to let you down easy, but you will have it."

He turned on the light, drew back the curtain, and touched the phonograph lever.

Amy followed him.

He turned to confront her.

"Whir-r-r-r-r!" purred the phonograph. Then it giggled. "E-a-a-a-s-i-o-times. I'll e-e-catch him e-e-'s on his guard. I claim the first chance at him," it buzzed, in high, metallic squeaky tones. "Second—"

"—objects under the sun," continued Amy, unheeding, "a liar and a deceiver is the worst—"

The phonograph wheezed on unintelligibly. Then it had a lucid interval.

"I'm going to fall into his arms, myself!" it proclaimed calmly—and the voice was the voice of Martha. "It won't be immodest—not for me. I intend to marry him after you girls get him properly educated—"

Amy caught the thin, brazen tones, took a step forward, her eyes opening in startled comprehension. A wave of color swept from neck to brow. Through the window came a breath of the perfumed night, a bird's inquiring call, rustle of crisp leaves in undertone.

"Eavesdropper!" she hissed, crouching forward, her hands clenched.

"Conspirator!" retorted Jack, sternly.

The mellow voice of a distant singer floated to them brokenly,

"'Could ye come back to me, Douglas,
Douglas,

In the old likeness that I knew—'"

"—o-o-o-s-s for fun?" questioned the phonograph, fatuously. "I'll marry him myself, if you please. *I'm* managing—"

"Stop it!" wailed Amy, and flung herself desperately at the machine.

Jack caught her.

"Be still—I haven't heard this yet," he said. "Hush!"

The girl struggled desperately. The plaintive old song trembled through the whispering dusk.

"O to call back the days that are not!"

"—next, then Sadie, and Amy last—" observed the machine casually.

"Let me go!" begged Amy, scuffling fiercely. "Jack, stop it— Oh stop it! Let me go! Jack, *dear* Jack! Please, Oh, don't listen! I hate you— Oh, if you claim to be a man! I despise you!"

"And I love you, I always have—I always will," said Jack, holding her fast, while the machine droned unheeded. Jack went on: "There's no one—"

"—in search of my victim! Whirr-r-r!" announced the phonograph in gay nonchalance.

"—else — there has never been. I have loved you—"

"—A - e - a - a," said the steel monster steadily, "horns of a dilemma. If I back out now, the girls—" The tones were low and wabbly, but unmistakably Amy's.

"—all my life. Amy, will you marry me?" said Jack.

The machine ground on relentlessly.

"—go on, I'll despise—"

"Yes! O *yes!*" shrieked Amy, "anything! Stop it!"

Jack threw the lever. "Amy! Sweet-heart!"

"*Jack!*"

The song swelled in tender cadence, borne by a wandering wind.

"Now all men else are like shadows, Douglas! Douglas! Tender and true!"

"Don't kiss me! Don't *dare!*" the girl panted. "Jack—upon your honor—how much did you hear?"

"Upon my honor—only a little. Sam and I were in here and heard the outlines of your little plan. Sam turned the machine on as we sneaked out. Honor bright! I fully intended to come and put it through its paces, but — I've been busy!"

"I should think so," said Amy hysterically. "They were scared almost to death. Jack — Oh Jack, are you punishing me, too?"

He drew her closer. What she saw in his eyes answered her. Their lips met.

The rich, quivering voice throbbed to them through the pulsing night.

"Stretch out your hands to me, Douglas, Douglas! Drop forgiveness from heaven like dew."

"Jack, wont you break the record all to little tiny pieces?" inquired a smothered little voice.

"It's smashed all to smithereens now," said Jack

complacently. "*Done smashed*, if you will allow me to employ the useful and expressive Texas aorist. Solomon in all his glory, or Brigham Young at his palmiest, may have held over me in some respects; but when it comes to engagements, lap-and-tap, gun-crack, Play-or-Pay—"

"*Meany!*" She wrinkled her nose



"Jack, won't you break the record all to pieces?"

scornfully. Then she turned the other cheek. "John Hollister, *are* you going to destroy that tattle-tale record for me?" Her voice had that strange muffled sound again.

"Oh, that? Certainly.

"'It's tongue shall be slit,
And every dog in the town
Shall have a little bit,'"

he quoted liltingly.

She reached out groping fingers, and started the phonograph.

"Whir-r-r-r! I've tried to shut my eyes," said the intelligent machine, uncertainly, "but he's more worthless and idle every day."

Amy's arms tightened their clasp.

"He was so brave and manly—once. And I—I just can't help it—I love him so!"

The Arrows of Ketterlink

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SWAYING and lurching with every curve of the narrow gauge, at times almost shaving the jutting rock walls of the gorge, roaring across foaming torrents, yet always dropping, dropping, on a grade inconceivable to modern engineering, the dinkey engine had brought us, in the early hours of that September afternoon, nearly to the silent, hidden-away village beyond whose desolate huddle of shacks and cabins lay that spectacle about which I had heard enough to be strangely thrilled and fascinated—the Arrows of Ketterlink.

As is my usual fortune, I had heard the story from a stranger the day before, a man whom chance and my loneliness had thrown in my path on a tedious trip back to New York.

I had been to Seattle for the Department and was returning by a route which I will not mention here, but which forced me to extreme measures to kill time. We were nearing a little place called Troy, on the Western slope of the Rockies. I had made a few rather languid remarks on the country, when the stranger, over one of my cigars, broached the subject of "The Arrows."

I revived. In a moment I had forgotten my dullness and was drawing from him, word by word, such scattering and

uncertain points as he was able to give me. At once, I became possessed of an unquenchable desire to see the thing with my own eyes. But there was something more than that in my mind. I think I conjectured, even then, a bit of the tremendous human tragedy which had formed the setting.

At the risk of a reprimand from the Department for my slowness *en route*, I stopped at Troy, determined that my curiosity should be satiated. I went at once to a small and rather obscure office in the railroad-yards, and located the man I wanted, Edward Kampf.

He was checking off a shipping-list, a-straddle a big crate, an old brier pipe between his teeth. Almost a pigmy in stature, with a head that was much too large for his body and arms disproportionately long and unwieldy, his ill-matched physique suggested a deformity which, in actuality, did not exist. But his eyes made up for deficiencies. They were wonderful eyes: clear as a woman's, frank to childishness, yet with something burning deep within them which seemed ready on occasion to crop out with all the fearfulness of a horrible memory.

He heard what I wanted of him without stopping his work.

"I go down to Ketterlink to-morrow morning with supplies for Harrington," he stated at last. "That's a stone's throw from the *cañon*. I can take you, likely."

He evinced no interest in any especial reason I might have in wanting to see the place, and I did not inform him that, once there, I meant to draw from his lips the whole remarkable story. I had had timely warning from Strout against such a procedure.

"Who is Harrington?" I asked.

He looked up with a grin which, despite its uncouthness, had an irresistible spark of humor.

"Eh? Harrington? He's the last man in Ketterlink: mayor, chief and only citizen, and owns and runs the Little Bear mine."

Later, I came to know more about this abandoned town and its solitary inhabitant. Just then, I was anxious to make certain of Kampf's rather reluctant promise to take me. I mentioned some remuneration for his trouble.

"Pay? Not a penny!" he almost snarled. "You come from Strout, and he's a friend of mine. That's the only reason I've got for taking you. It's the only way of getting out there easy; but I aint making a practice of hauling Tom, Dick, and Harry."

I saw I had made a mistake.

"You—er—Mr. Kampf," his steady gaze was having a peculiar effect upon me, "I believe Strout told me that you were firing on the engine at the time of the accident?"

"You was told right!"

With the blunt words came that half-insane glint in his dull gray eyes that I was to see again—and understand. As for the answer itself, there was a finality about it that I was bound, for the present, to respect.

It was arranged that we start the next day a little before noon. Within the twelve hours intervening, my imagination had fed to bursting upon a variety of information.

Ketterlink, I learned, was twenty miles east from Troy and near the *cañon* of the same name. Four years before, the main division of the L. & N. had touched it; now, a cut-off running from Troy to

Senway, thirty miles below, had resulted in its abandonment. A narrow gauge, laid on the rotting, moss-grown ties of the old survey, had served, at first, to keep a few zealous prospectors at work in the mountain behind the town.

But the time came when a solitary miner, Harrington, remained as the last spark of life in the deserted camp. Whether from his faith in the mine, or from the inherent and dogged tenacity of the man himself, he toiled on at his task, and Kampf ran the dinkey regularly to Ketterlink with his supplies.

I learned, furthermore, that the "Arrows of Ketterlink" had been shot from their terrible bow at the time, four years before, when the main line of the L. & N. had traversed the terrific grade from Troy to the *cañon*. In that day, Kampf had not been housed within the narrow confines of a shipping-office. He had been firing for Anderson Donough, the handsome young engineer who was the pride of the division. Also, there had been Worden. In fact, had it not been for Worden, who was several notches above Donough in age, line of promotion, and general devilishness there would have been scant chance that the "Arrows of Ketterlink" would have had either name or existence.

It was at Ketterlink, after mysterious miles of rusting, moss-grown track, that Kampf brought the fantastic contortions of the dinkey to a standstill, shut off steam, and ordered the lad who had been firing to cart Harrington's supplies up to the fringe of deserted shacks which straggled over the mountain-side.

We climbed down from the cab, and Kampf led the way past the town toward the *cañon*, his shoulders hunched above his hanging head, his callous hands fumbling with his pipe and tobacco-pouch. But he did not smoke, even after he had stuffed the bowl. He seemed to be waiting, a strange, almost imperceptible tremor in his hands and limbs.

Where the old line approached the brink of the precipice, he paused. Here the track swerved abruptly about the triangular cliff and shot down along the side of the *cañon*. As we rounded the turn—so sharp a one that I did not under-



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stand the engineering calculation that could sanction it—Kampf stopped and raised his finger toward the rock face opposite our side of the *cañon*.

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I looked across. Before us, like giant darts sent from some colossal bow, embedded to a fourth of their lengths in the spongy rock of the chasm's side, were the steel rails which the accident of four years before had hurled and driven with incalculable force into the rock. Some were bent and twisted; others, straight and true; all, rust-eaten.

In the half-light of the *cañon*, the Arrows had been outlined a dull gray. Now, a shaft of afternoon sunlight slanted through the gorge and caught, here and there, the glint from the uncorroded steel or a pale, reddish glow where the rust had thickened. The quasi-halo made distinct a long, frayed cloth streamer which fluttered from the very end of the lowest rail.

I cannot explain the sensation which stole over me as I strained my eyes after that gently undulating shred. From that moment, I forgot the extraordinary spectacle before me in my almost breathless contemplation of that bit of cloth. Over Kampf, as I turned to look at him, the same spell, even more intense, seemed working. There had come into his eyes, as he stood there, that light of insupportable horror and repugnance which would always remain his heritage.

Bit by bit, I drew from the man the story—not alone of the wild train of steel rails which had leaped, a crackling, seething hell of fire, into the *cañon*, but of two men who, caught ruthlessly between the great Destroyer and their own passions, had, on that train, faced the supreme struggle of their lives.

In the narrower sense it was a woman, herself innocent of all blame, who unwittingly became the fuel on which the burning hate of Worden fed. But in the broader and more just light, it was the fiend-incarnate in the man—the devil, which prompts beyond reason, gloating, if need be, past the fear of death itself.

Neva Merriam was the girl. She was

the only daughter of "Sol" Merriam, postmaster at Ketterlink. Furthermore, and of greater importance to the story, she had attracted young Donough as much by her fresh, girlish impulsiveness as she had appealed to Worden, Donough's senior by ten years, through her womanly seriousness. Donough felt the hotter passion of love; Worden, a less glowing but more enthralling fascination.

It was the young engineer who fairly won her, as was, of course, the only thing which would naturally happen when youth, as irresistible and full of promise as Donough's, sets out to play the game. But it was known the length of the division that the shock of refusal had had an altogether baneful effect upon the older man. His greater years, higher position, and surety of promotion, were things which could not at once be reconciled to defeat. And when realization was finally forced upon him, it found him in an evil mood.

From the first, he made no secret of his bitterness and hate. He was not content to nurse his fancied wrongs quietly and in inaction, but he began, with all the craftiness of which his soul was capable, to annoy the newly wedded pair.

It had come to the pass of open enmity between the two men when Fate, in the form of a shipment of steel rails *en route* for use on a siding at Senway, demanded Donough's services as engineer.

From the instant that he first saw the twelve loaded flat-cars in the switch at Troy, glistening in the frost-tinged air of a November morning, Donough felt, with unreasoning foreboding, that he was being played into the hands of the goddess. His engine—the steadiest and most powerful on the division—had just been run out from the round-house and was being coupled on. Kampf, who was going to fire for him, got down from the cab and walked to a place where he could squint his eyes over the train.

He shook his head doubtfully as he turned to Donough.

"Six of those cars'll do for us!" he grumbled.

Donough, mentally, had passed a similar judgment.

"Two sections?" He nodded. "It ought to be done, Ed. Or another engine."

The fireman bent down to the rails and ran his thumb across the steel.

"Ice!" he snorted. "A double-header couldn't hold her on those frosty irons. Once get that junk started—"

He hunched his thick shoulders with an oath.

"I don't like the looks of it myself, Ed," declared young Donough. "It's a nasty job, if we can't make two haulings."

The fear had entered the mind of the young engineer that it was precisely from the fact of his tried skill that he would be expected now to get the shipment down without breaking the train. The L. & N. had never been known to incur extra time and expense as a mere precautionary measure.

Donough sized up the train again and looked at his watch. He turned to his helper.

"Who we running under, Ed?" he queried.

The man coughed evasively and began buttoning his jumper tight under his chin. He did not meet Donough's gaze.

"I heard that Worden—" he muttered.

"Worden!" There was an accompanying flash of fire from the eyes of the young engineer.

"Yes, Worden—why not? And you can count on taking that train down as it is!"

At the voice, Donough spun on his heel as on a pivot, and faced his enemy. Worden's square, blunt figure, in conductor's uniform, had just stepped around the engine from the direction of the round-house. The sneer on his lips was even more indicative than his speech of what he had overheard.

Something clicked audibly in Donough's throat, like the bursting of a dry sob—the mutter of a man who has been pricked again in a wound made raw by days and nights of a constantly deepening hatred and contempt. He swung a step forward, his arm lifted like a hammer.

Only the evening before he had returned to the little house on the moun-

tain-side near Ketterlink, which he had secured as a home for Neva and himself until his promotion to a passenger-run should be assured, to learn from the girl's hysterical words that she had seen Worden skulking about the place that afternoon.

It was enough. Donough had taken a shot-gun and searched. There was a frenzy akin to a murderer's in his heart, and it was well that he did not find his man.

They were face to face now—the stalwart young engineer and Worden, the man whom he had meant to punish at sight as he would punish a cur snarling at his heels.

Yet, suddenly, the blazing fury faded from Donough's eyes, his half-clinched fist relaxed; his towering figure, six-feet-one in its sinewy strength, fell back. He turned and walked away quietly to the engine-cab. In that instant he had remembered, with so scant a margin as to make him hot and cold by turns, that, after all, he was not yet free to act. It was between man and man, not between conductor and engineer, that they must settle it. There was Neva for him to think of—Neva, and his promotion, and the little home they meant to own some day. Their future—his face grew tense at the thought—might be made or broken by his conduct, while under orders, toward a man from whom his very soul revolted.

With the leering sneer on his lips curling until it seemed to match the scowl between his narrowing, slit-like eyes, Worden watched Donough swing down from the cab with his long oil-can in his fingers and begin, still without a word, to overhaul the machinery.

"We pull out at twelve-thirty-three!" he snarled over his shoulder as he turned, at last, and started in the direction of the caboose.

Donough made no answer. His head was low-bent over the powerful drivers, his trembling but practiced fingers squirting the lubricant with mechanical precision in among the great net work of rods and wheels. Kampf, who had been standing by with his eye on the retreating conductor, touched him on the arm.



"You can count on taking that train down as it is"

"You going to risk taking her down as she is?" he jerked out.

Donough straightened up. There was a dull gleam in his eyes as from a raging fever that had congested there when it was hottest. Only his lips trembled as he answered:

"Ed, I wont beg of that devil. I'm going to take the train down to Franklin—five miles. We can tell by that time if she'll stand the drop."

"If she wont—"

"If she wont, we'll stay there 'till we get a wire back—if it's all night!"

With the words, Donough's gray eyes shot a quick spark that seemed to rekindle and glow, with answering fire, in the eyes of Kampf. It was the spark of intimate understanding, and of mutual resolve.

Inside the cab again, Donough ran his fingers over the shining levers with a touch that was almost caressing. He knew his engine—knew it as he knew the unquestioning faithfulness of his hunch-shouldered fireman. For years, the three of them had handled the heavy freight on the dangerous stretch of mountain-grade between Troy and Senway. Yet there had never been a time when 212, even in her tried strength, had been called to perform such a service as confronted her now in that twelve-car load of solid steel.

With the slow, practiced hand of the master, Donough threw open the throttle a little and listened with calculating ear to the hiss of steam into the cylinders. He closed it again, satisfied. At his side, in the glare of the furnace, Kampf, his hairy arms and chest exposed, was already plying back and forth with the shovel. Below, under the cab-window, Worden's rasping voice was bawling out an order.

Again, Donough's gloved hand commenced its steady pull. The powerful drivers spun round on the slippery rails. A tremor passed along the heavy cars, wrenching the frozen wheels with a sudden crack from the frost-whiskered steel. The train moved slowly out of the switch.

As the long flat-cars swung with a click upon the main division, Donough

glanced back and the lines about his mouth set and hardened. He did not look a second time. He was not to see that tremendous mass of steel again until its supports had burst a-flame and were roaring, a colossal torch of fire, down the mountain.

In an instant they had felt the dip of the grade. Inch by inch, as the first two miles slipped past, Donough forced the throttle shut. With the third mile, still without a word, he began tightening the brakes. The clamped wheels began to shriek and spit fire like demons. At the beginning of the fourth mile, Kampf clutched his sleeve. The man's face was twitching with sudden fear.

"You feel that!" he got out. "You feel that!"

Donough did not look at him or speak. It was as if he were alone in the cab—alone and fighting to save himself from that diabolical face of Worden that was always burning before his eyes. Somehow, it seemed to him that the devil in conductor's uniform back there had become the directing intelligence of that awful weight behind. It was not a dead weight that was crushing down upon him. He knew, as Kampf knew, that it was a living, breathing power that was pushing, pushing, faster and faster, with the energy of a titanic monster!

Donough took his dull, starting eyes from the steam-gauge and leaned from the cab-window. Instantly, he ducked inside, threw on the brakes with full force and reversed the engine.

They came to a grinding, uncertain stop. The little siding of Franklin was ahead, glistening in the sunshine of early afternoon.

Worden came up with a snarl like a dog's. The two brakemen followed. Edgar, the operator at Franklin, had come out of his shack and was hurrying down the track toward the train.

"What's the meaning of this?" demanded Worden's furious tones.

"You'll know well enough," Donough sent back between his teeth. "I can't hold twelve cars on this grade!"

"The devil you can't!" roared the conductor. "Just you hoist yourself into that cab and start that engine. We've lost five

minutes with all this tommyrot. D'you think they'll stand for our blockading the line!"

Donough had swung down from the cab and was leaning against the drivers with crossed arms.

"Worden," he said, forcing the words between his tight lips, "this train doesn't move another inch till you've wired the truth to the office and they've answered. It's got to be cut! If it isn't, not a man of us'll get down to Senway alive!"

"He's right!" came Kampf's guttural corroboration.

Worden's upper lip was lifted in impotent rage. He had caught a peculiar light in Donough's eyes, and the words he had meant to speak died in the dull click of his jaws. He wheeled sharply upon the open-mouthed operator, jerked a notebook from his coat, tore off a sheet, and scribbled a few scrawling words.

"Wire this, and be quick about it!" he snapped, thrusting the paper into the man's hands.

As if urged by a boot from Worden's foot, Edgar scurried back to the distant shack. Within ten minutes, during which Worden tramped sullenly up and down beside the flat-cars, the operator returned pantingly with an answer.

Worden read it, and stepped exultingly up to Donough.

"Read that!" he leered.

Donough ran his eye over the sheet. Then, without flinching, without a tremor he passed it back. The office had wired to go ahead, and "not to break the train!"

"You refuse?" demanded Worden, maddened at the engineer's silence.

For answer, Donough turned, without speaking, and swung into the cab. He knew he had no choice. Refusal meant the loss of his position, the ruin of all his expectant hopes of promotion, the blasting of every ambition he had toiled and struggled and prayed to attain. It was for Neva's sake that he must take the train down.

Could he do it? Was there any superhuman power that would help him to keep 212 on the rails safely past the *cañon* bend? Would not that mass of steel, roaring in the darkness toward the fatal curve, carry him and all the rest in

a wild leap to death at the bottom of the gorge?

His great frame shook as in a chill. His flesh was on fire. To be pitted against that maniac in brass buttons who was gloating past the fear of his own destruction! The thought suddenly numbed him.

He had clutched the throttle once more, and was starting the train. As in a dream, he saw the evil features of Worden melt slowly away, together with the blank questioning faces of the two brakemen. He knew, though he did not look to see, that the faithful Kampf was at his post, toiling back and forth with his shovel in the glare of the fire-box. They would need steam—steam to hold back—every ounce 212 could carry—at the brink of that precipice!

The threatening cloud-banks which had crept over the sun had commenced to sow a freezing sleet on the mountains. More and more frequently, despite the sand Donough was using, the powerful drivers slipped on the glazed rails. The momentum of the heavy train grew to a steadily rising roar, though the brakes were scraping tentacles of fire from the wheels. The grade dropped precipitately. Mile by mile, that terrible load of steel, shrieking like a live thing, rushed, careening, faster and faster, toward the *cañon's* edge.

Once Kampf, swaying with every drunken lurch of the cab, his grizzled face blanched ashen, stumbled to Donough's side, his mouth working convulsively.

"Can't you stop her!"

Donough seemed no longer a thing of flesh and blood. Mind and body had fused with the quivering, fighting engine beneath him. Yet now, as if awakened by a spark from an electric-battery, he turned his face, cut and bleeding from the flying gravel, upon his fireman and flung his hand upon the reverse. With a shock that lifted 212 from the rails and drove her, plunging, back against the flat-cars, the long train skidded, caught the rails again and stopped.

Worden rushed up, hatless, from the caboose. His lips were blue, but not from terror. His eyes were blazing past all



Kampf drove him back

sanity, as he hurled a torrent of oaths at Donough and commanded him to go ahead.

The engineer, with his corded fist clenched tight over the hand-rail of the cab, seemed about to spring upon the man beneath him. He swung down, instead, and gripped the conductor's arm as in a vise.

Worden shrank from his touch and cringed at the fury in Donough's face. With a powerful shove, the engineer drove him down the track in the direction of a little shack, untenanted now, which once had marked another siding.

Worden, cowed suddenly by Donough's silent, determined manner, stumbled on ahead, like a snarling dog that bares his teeth at his master but obeys. Donough, using his shoulder as a battering-ram, broke in the door of the shack, and they entered. The telegraph-instruments were still there. They had been left as a matter of convenience to trains stalled on the grade.

"Take that key and wire the office as I tell you!" ordered the engineer.

Worden appeared incapable of protest. He gave the call, got the office and, word by word, clicked in the desperate appeal which Donough framed. Then, amid a tightening silence, they awaited their ultimatum. It came back sharply, with an almost imperious distinctness:

"Go ahead with that train and hurry up!"

Donough, without a glance at the hideous leer of triumph spreading on Worden's face, staggered out of the shack and onto the train. A blind bitterness was in him. He saw nothing, felt nothing. His veins were bursting with that last despairing struggle over which he had no control—victory with defeat, life with death!

Kampf met him in front of the engine. Donough grasped him roughly by the shoulders. His voice came with a hoarseness that seemed to rend his throat.

"Ed, we've got to do it!" he groaned. "We've got to get her down!"

"We'll never make that curve!" muttered Kampf; but he swung up after Donough and took his place grimly.

Again the fated train started in the

waning light of the short mountain-afternoon. Again, Donough, straining forward on his seat, felt in the struggles of the engine beneath him a horrid quiver of surrender to that overwhelming mass behind. The sleet was blinding now. The overtaxed locomotive began almost to sob in its convulsive battle with the icy rails. He could feel it slowly yielding under his tense, clutching hand.

Six miles were between them and the *cañon* curve. It would be dark when they reached it. He looked back. Tongues of fire, generated by the terrible friction, were leaping up from the wheels. The whole train was burning!

Above the roar burst a human cry. A dark figure was clamoring down over the tender. It was Worden—Worden cringing in abject terror, nerveless, his clothing in shreds from his trip over the flaming cars.

He cowered before them in the swaying cab, his body shaking.

"They've gone!" he shrieked. "They cut loose and left me! In the caboose!"

The two brakemen, forgetting him in their terror, had saved themselves.

Kampf lifted his shovel with a curse and drove him back.

"You blamed cur, get out of here!" he bellowed.

Worden, groveling before him, crept back over the cars.

Donough had leaped down from his seat and, staggering to Kampf's side, was shouting in his ear. With a bound the man reached the coal and began to climb to the tank. But Donough pulled him back.

"Wait!" he commanded. "We can't leave Worden. 'We've got to give him a chance!"

Before Kampf's snarling clutch could stay him, the young engineer sprang across to the tender and, flat on his face, began his fearful climb back over the flat-cars in search of the man he hated. Kampf watched him impotently, cursing and praying. The suspense deepened with the seconds. At last, Donough dragged himself weakly into the cab. His face was working spasmodically.

"He—wont—come!" he gasped. "He's mad!"

Kampf was already pulling himself over the tank to let himself down to the coupling-rod of the tender. Donough had reversed the engine. Two hundred and twelve flung herself back against the cars. Kampf succeeded in uncoupling the tender from the first car. Then, under Donough's trembling hand, the great engine shot like a meteor down the track, gaining inch by inch as she fled from the roaring torch behind.

It was but a mile to the *cañon*. Kampf, back in the cab, was clinging desperately to the bar, waiting for Donough's signal, his blood-shot eyes on the monster there behind. Suddenly, on the very brink of the precipice, Donough slowed the plunging locomotive and reversed the spinning drivers. With Kampf he leaped from the cab, as the engine jumped, hissing from the rails.

Wrapped in a cylinder of fire, the loaded flat-cars flashed past with the noise of thunder and on toward the *cañon* curve. They struck, and leaped, with a grinding roar, into the abyss.

Kampf, raising himself to his knees in the blackness and storm, saw Donough stumbling forward with a hoarse cry toward the place where man and train had disappeared, his arms groping, groping, as if in the torment of his impotence. Then he fell headlong and lay still.

A frost-tinged air crept up the *cañon* in which we shivered. Kampf still held his pipe in his fingers, unlighted. His eyes, memory-filled, were fixed on the bit of flapping cloth. He seemed, as he stood there, to have become oblivious to me. I waited, hoping yet dreading to hear the answer to my final question.

"And that—" I nodded slowly, as I spoke, toward the streamer of cloth.

He did not change his dull, apathetic gaze.

"It used to be a sleeve—Worden's!"

he muttered. "The weather's beat it to that strip." He moistened his dry lips. "I kept on firing for the kid, and it was always at this turn that he'd lose his nerve. I couldn't get him over it. It got so bad he'd drop the throttle and lean out the window, whenever we went past. Sometimes, he'd look at me and say in an awful tone: 'Ed, I give him his chance! I give him his chance!' He stood it for about two months that way, with me a-trying to keep his mind off'n it. Then, finally, one day—'t was about this time—he dropped down in a heap on the cab-floor when we struck this curve. The thing'd got on his nerves, and they had to take him to a saniteerum for a spell. I quit firing, myself."

"Did—did he ever get better?" I queried.

The horror was fast fading from the man's face. He packed the tobacco more firmly in the bowl of his pipe, and turned in the flood of late afternoon sunlight toward me.

"Yes, he's been at home with Neva for going on two weeks now. Lord! how tickled she was to have him well. They live up at Seigbert—three miles the other side of Troy. And he's got a passenger-run on the new division."

Kampf turned and led the way briskly back toward Ketterlink. He stopped an instant to light his pipe. There was a quiet happiness in his bronzed face, as he strode on again, fumbling in his pocket to bring to view presently a letter.

"It's from him," he almost chuckled, tapping it with his finger. "Wants me to come up and see him. Says he wants me to fire for him on his run. I guess mebbe I'll take the job."

He glanced at me with a smile as joyous as a child's.

"It'll seem kinda good getting back, you know," he added.



This is YOUR Hour

by HERBERT KAUFMAN

IF YOU haven't GRIT enough to win YOUR OWN battles—you haven't STRENGTH enough to HOLD what OTHERS do FOR you. The man who constantly calls for HELP is no better than a chronic BEGGAR—he permits himself to be PAUPERIZED of his sinews of INITIATIVE and SELF-ASSURANCE.

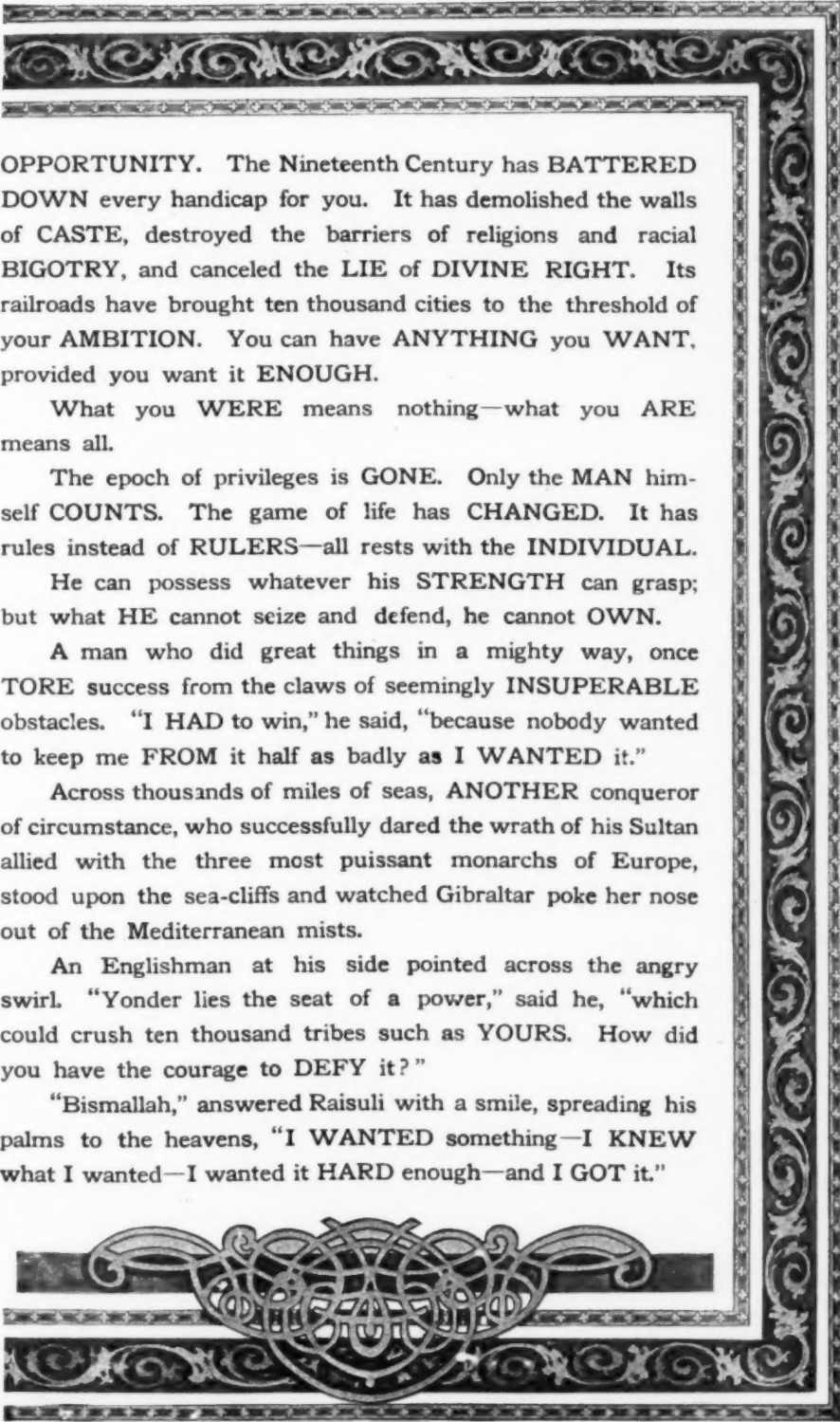
Failures are often the CHRYSALIS out of which FULL-WINGED POWER SOARS. If you've quit because you've met with ONE HARD SLAM—if you've despaired over ONE REBUFF—you deserve to LIE where you FALL.

The ONE THING that can hold you BACK and keep you DOWN is your own COWARDICE.

FEAR is a greater VICE than DRINK or DRUGS. The YELLOW streak is the BLUSH of the WEAKLING recognizing his own FLABBINESS.

If you can't stand the strain of YOUR OWN REVERSES how in the world can you expect ANYONE ELSE to use you as timber in the up-building of HIS fortunes?

Take hold of yourself—this is the hour of OPEN



OPPORTUNITY. The Nineteenth Century has BATTERED DOWN every handicap for you. It has demolished the walls of CASTE, destroyed the barriers of religions and racial BIGOTRY, and canceled the LIE of DIVINE RIGHT. Its railroads have brought ten thousand cities to the threshold of your AMBITION. You can have ANYTHING you WANT, provided you want it ENOUGH.

What you WERE means nothing—what you ARE means all.

The epoch of privileges is GONE. Only the MAN himself COUNTS. The game of life has CHANGED. It has rules instead of RULERS—all rests with the INDIVIDUAL.


He can possess whatever his STRENGTH can grasp; but what HE cannot seize and defend, he cannot OWN.

A man who did great things in a mighty way, once TORE success from the claws of seemingly INSUPERABLE obstacles. "I HAD to win," he said, "because nobody wanted to keep me FROM it half as badly as I WANTED it."

Across thousands of miles of seas, ANOTHER conqueror of circumstance, who successfully dared the wrath of his Sultan allied with the three most puissant monarchs of Europe, stood upon the sea-cliffs and watched Gibraltar poke her nose out of the Mediterranean mists.

An Englishman at his side pointed across the angry swirl. "Yonder lies the seat of a power," said he, "which could crush ten thousand tribes such as YOURS. How did you have the courage to DEFY it?"

"Bismallah," answered Raisuli with a smile, spreading his palms to the heavens, "I WANTED something—I KNEW what I wanted—I wanted it HARD enough—and I GOT it."





Dinner passed off pleasantly

The Tactfulness of Mr. Gene

BY ETHEL WATTS GRANT

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A MAN needn't want to cop everything in sight. I maintain that a few good grafts are enough; and you don't have to work them to death at that. The framed text for me, is, "Live and let live." I don't *need* to work, but I do; none busier. I like it; it's a good game. I'm always fair with the Old Man and see that he gets his bait, so he lets me in on the good ones. None of this tracing lost persons or East Side murders for mine. But if it "looks good," the parties have got enough to lose, and they want a "tactful man"—I'm It.

I can, for I was born to it, put up a pretty slick front when I want to. I don't look as if I'd been rubbed into a dress-suit. I don't drink out of the finger-bowls, nor pass plates across the table if there's a butler. In short, I'm presentable, and I don't have to don respectability as a disguise. When I'm on the job I can make torrid love to a lady, and she'll like it. I can hand out a line of theosophy that would choke a maccaroni expert, or lead a Harvard professor by

the hand beside the streams of knowledge.

We did have one other silk-socked boy in the office, but not for long. He was handed a golden prospect and grasped the fact that the lady in the case had stolen her own diamonds to help some lad out of a hole. What did he do? Blew the whole gaff out to the Mister, instead of letting her haul down a few more bones for everybody's benefit. And what then? Did he do any good? Not a bit. Cracked up a happy home, and made everybody miserable, including the lad. It nearly broke the Old Man's heart when he found he'd let a goat into that particular lot. No, sir; when the family linen needs an airing—lock up the live stock, otherwise it's fatal—even to the goat.

Yes, I've had some strange experiences, and some heartrending ones, too. Once in a way, I have a most laughable one. I am, I'm afraid, something of a cynic; not a hardened one, unless I happen to have indigestion. But—well, here's a sample of the way I work.

I have just come from an odd case—odd, that is, in my solution of the difficulty, for, criminally, it is easily classed.

Over a month ago, the Old Man sent for me. I went straight to the little back office, where I found him in obvious good humor.

"Gene," he said affably, "you know there's a plan to take up four blocks of water-front near Twenty-third Street for terminals. I'm looking at several important scraps of property around there, but I need a few more thou' in cash to make up the price. Suppose, now, you and I go in together—only you'll have to be quick about raising it. You cannot fool all of the landholders all of the time."

I agreed. "Whose case is it?"

He chuckled. "Read that," and he handed me a letter.

I glanced at the signature. "Daniel O'Leich!" Full of money, and dangerously prominent. I perused "Exhibit A."

Send me your most reliable and diplomatic representative. It is more than probable that he will have to be introduced into my house as a relative. I would first like to speak with you in person, if you will call at my office," *etc.*

"Well?" I asked.

The Old Man grinned. "He'll tell you himself. You're to apply to him in person, at noon to-day, for the position of private secretary; speech-writer-sharp and all that.

"In that case," I said, "I go to dress the part. I'll see you later."

Donning my best English business-suit, reducing my hair to subserviency, submitting to the manicure and other necessities, took up the better part of two hours. I flatter myself that when I appeared at the office of Mr. O'Leich there was not a better found young secretary in the market.

I presented my card and a note from the Old Man, presumably a letter of introduction from my last employer, and was at once admitted. My new boss was a good looking Irishman-twice-removed. He had the belligerent blue eye, prominent jaw, and enthusiastic manner of his

race; otherwise he was the successful American magnate to a dot. He looked me over keenly, emitted a "hump" of satisfaction, and motioned me to a seat.

"Now, Mr— what's your name— Gene? Your Chief gives you the highest praise; hope you deserve it. He has, I suppose, told you the nature of the case."

"No, sir," I answered, looking him straight in the eye, in the manner I have found most convincing of honesty. "The Chief preferred I should learn the particulars from you. He prefers, if I may say so, that I should obtain first impressions from the interested party. His experience with criminal cases naturally influences his judgment, which in turn—"

"Exactly," interrupted Mr. O'Leich. "I prefer it myself. To be brief, I have been robbed of \$1,600 in bills and gold, and my wife some three weeks before, missed her gold purse; but that, as you can well understand, may have been an accident—it may have been lost. I only mention the fact. I am offering \$2,500 reward for the apprehension of the criminal. Out of proportion, you'll say; but it isn't. The theft must have been committed by a member of my household, and I cannot rest or feel safe until the matter is cleared up."

"What we call 'an inside job,'" I suggested.

"Exactly. I am having extensive improvements made on my estate near Irvington, and am employing gangs of workmen on the roads. These must be paid weekly in cash. I employ twelve servants in the house, six in the stables, including the chauffeur, six in the gardens and greenhouses. The general overseeing is done by a competent man who resides in the village. Comes with the workmen at six and goes at five-thirty. You see that a considerable sum must be kept on hand for general convenience. I have a small safe hidden in the wall of the dining-room. The cash and the most valuable plate are kept there. As far as I know, only my wife, myself and the butler, who has been in my employ twenty-two years, know the combination.

"It was from this safe that the money was taken. Just when, we have no means

of knowing, as there was no occasion to open the safe from Monday, the 7th, to Friday, the 11th. The butler, making his weekly tally of the silver, noticed that the envelopes and specie-bags that had formerly occupied one corner, were not there. He reported the fact, without, however, attaching much importance to it, thinking, naturally, that Mrs. O'Leich had given the money to Best. This was not the case. My wife knew nothing of the matter. So far we are without clues, and I must and will discover the criminal. My house is filled with valuables. I am compelled to keep considerable sums about me, and, to say the least, the present state of affairs is most uncomfortable."

"Naturally," I assented sympathetically.

"We have hit upon the plan of bringing you into the house as private secretary. I have been threatening to engage one for some time, and your coming will seem quite a matter of course. A new servant would excite suspicion, as below-stairs they are upset and conscious of suspicion. Moreover, as my secretary, you can be any and everywhere about the house at any hours, in obedience to my orders, without any appearance of prying—you see?"

I bowed. "I understand," said I. "And now, may I ask, am I to be a social, or merely a business-secretary? I mean, shall I be at Mrs. O'Leich's disposal? Do you entertain much? Are there young ladies in your household?" I was anxious to see what feelings he would show with regard to his family.

"We entertain, but not on an extensive scale. Unfortunately, I have no children of my own, and my stepson, Allan Glyce, is nineteen and home from Yale for the Summer. We sometimes have a house full of his boy-friends, but that entails no duties upon you—other than to see that they don't smash my Tanagra collection. It takes the whole force to do that."

"You want me at once, Mr. O'Leich, I presume?"

"This afternoon. *The Lance* will be at the Eighty-third Street Yacht Club landing at four o'clock. Meet me there.

Give my name, and go right on board. I'll come when I can."

He rose and dismissed me with gentlemanly cordiality.

At the hour appointed I boarded *The Lance*, one of the fastest electric-yachts in the country. She was of the torpedo-type and beautifully fitted. In the saloon, among pennants, cups, and trophies, were two photographs in elaborate frames: one of a handsome, matronly woman, the other of a beautiful boy who greatly resembled her. I studied the faces closely, but the pictures had been so retouched that all character was lost. The steward, a decent sort of a Deer Island boy, feeling that I must be curious concerning my employers, supplied me with miscellaneous information.

The Boss adored his wife and her son. In fact, he openly talked of legally adopting the latter. It was great luck for the boy, for Mrs. Glyce had been almost poor prior to her second marriage. It was evident that the steward shared his master's liking.

He touched on the matter of the robbery, but discreetly refrained from guesses.

He had been in the Boss' employ for six years, and expressed his opinion that Bede, the butler, was innocent, on the ground that he never did anything he hadn't been told to do, and so much initiative on his part was not to be imagined.

At five, Mr. O'Leich came aboard, and our race—for a race it was—up the river, was exhilarating.

I promised myself to be unpardonably stupid, in order to put off the *dénouement* of this very pleasantly environed mystery. Mr. O'Leich treated me almost like a human being: offered me high-balls, which I refused, and excellent cigars, which I accepted. A man always respects another's sobriety, but secretly despises him for inability to appreciate a good smoke.

Arrived at his private dock, we were met by a smart station-bus, and hurried up the steep grades to a late Garfield, early McKinley castle. I noted his love of speed and his nervous irritability at

delay, and judged him to possess a violent temper, to be of a demanding nature, and absolutely unreasonable when aroused.

I was shown to my luxurious quarters and received the prompt attendance of the valet, a self-important Englishman, wearing an expression of injured dignity. From him I learned the dinner-hour, and nothing more. After a careful toilet I descended to the drawing-room and was introduced to my—I was about to say "hostess,"

but her manner toward me showed plainly that I occupied the position of a companion or governess. She was polite, but after some perfunctory greetings her conversation did not include me. A moment later Allan entered. He was the original of the picture in *The Lance's* saloon, and a singularly handsome and ingratiating young fellow. He greeted me cordially, as if hoping to find in me relief from the companionship of his elders. I took my cue, but kept a watchful eye on the mother. I saw her frown once or twice, and make futile attempts to draw the boy to her. O'Leich cast an amused glance or so in our direction, and laughed outright as Allan began to draw a vivid picture of his troubles upon the only occasion when he had tried to write a speech for his father.

"Couldn't do it," he said cheerfully. "Made an awful mess, so I told him to tell the tableful of old grafters that he didn't know what to talk about, so he'd talk about a minute, and sit down—"

"I did," said O'Leich, interrupting his conversation with his wife, "and I made the hit of my life."

O'Leich was called to the telephone, leaving the three of us to further our acquaintance.

To my surprise, I saw an instant change. Allan's buoyancy of manner failed suddenly. His mother noticed it, and glanced at him apprehensively. There was a subtle undercurrent of startled questioning in her look. Dinner

passed off pleasantly, though the lady continued to "put me in my place." I was careful, however, to give her no suggestion of possible forwardness. Like the good children, I spoke when I was spoken to. The trusted butler absorbed most of my attention. He had a large, bald, domed head, and a crowd of small, frightened, old maid features below it. If he were guilty, the weight of necessity must have laid heavily upon him. It would be easy to learn of any condition in his environment



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sufficiently aggravated to force this obedient satellite from its orbit. The second man was a nervous, hoppy little person, quick, competent, and "on the make."

In short, my instructions in town with regard to the past and present of Bede failed to reveal anything but the most comfortable and prosaic existence. His wife, the housekeeper, was an elderly lady, above reproach. They had never had any children—not even a dissolute nephew or needy niece burdened them. He had amassed a comfortable little

bank-account for a rainy day, and had his employer's promise of a pension when he could no longer serve.

Clearly, in this case, all motives to theft were lacking. Concerning the other servants, they were one by one discarded from the suspect-list.

There remained—my hostess, and her son. From the first I had had no doubts, but the berth was more than luxurious, O'Leich, satisfied with my daily report, and myself doubtful as to the best method of tapping the graft, I proceeded with the elimination process.

I next turned my attention to the superintendent, who supplied the clew I felt necessary. His townsmen feared him. He had become well-to-do, by a series of mortgage-foreclosures, the encouragement of peonage among the Italian working-gangs, and the almost unaccountable favoritism of the local bank. The president advanced him money on little or no security, and seemed willing to consider any proposition he made. The answer was too easy. Mr. Stephen Best knew something that made this partiality necessary either for the bank or its president. Avarice and blackmail do not make a pretty showing. Furthermore, his wife seemed to enjoy a similar reputation, and a most unusual guardedness of speech was generally maintained concerning their daughter Edith, who proved to be a spectacularly pretty girl, with a manner that did not suggest "The Old Homestead."

I went on collecting evidence, till the whole story became apparent. The precious family was holding the Boy up, with a threat of breach of promise suit with scandalous details. The whole story was well cooked up, Allan was clearly terrified, and the demands of the blackmailers were becoming greater and more insistent. The boy was afraid of his own shadow, miserable beyond description, and did not dare divulge his trouble. That his mother guessed that some misfortune beset him was as obvious as the fact that he had not confided in her.

Before making my discoveries known, I had Miss Best looked up, which proved a difficult matter. At last, however, by tracing her letters and past connections

I ascertained the desirable news that she had already changed her superlative name for the euphonious one of Mrs. Charles Dudley Druth, the said Druth being cognizant of his wife's present prospects. This alliance, contracted when on the road with the "Belles of Broadway," had been but little known, as the girl continued to use her stage name of "Edith Estarr." The time was now ripe for action, and, besides, Mr. O'Leich was becoming restless.

One afternoon, about a month from the date of my arrival, I sent a note to Mrs. O'Leich, begging her to give me a few moments' interview in the library. She came. If she had not begun to fear she would have put me sharply "where I belonged."

"Well?" she said, pausing at the door.

I bowed respectfully. "Permit me to close the door, *madame*. I am sure you would not desire what I have to say to go farther."

She shut the door herself, and waved me to a seat at some distance. I could see that her knees would hardly support her, yet she remained bravely erect.

"May I beg you to be brief?" she murmured. "I have some correspondence."

I went straight to the point.

"I feel it my duty, in spite of Mr. O'Leich's instructions, to tell you that I am a detective."

"I knew it," she gasped, sinking upon the nearest chair, her face grown ashen. "What does he—what do you suspect?"

"I don't suspect—I know. It is because I have the keenest sympathy for you, *madame*—"

She sank back as if struck to the heart.

"What do you mean?"

I read the words from her white lips, for they made no sound.

"Allan, your son," I said.

With that she broke down utterly, and her grief was terrible to witness. I was heartily sorry for her, poor woman, in spite of her previous manner towards me.

"I've feared it—I've feared it!" she sobbed. "It's too terrible! Oh, what shall I do, what shall I do!" She rose and swayed toward me. Flinging out her arms in supplication, she sank on her



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knees. "Oh, save him! You wont tell his stepfather, you wont—you wont!"

I raised her gently. "But, *madame*, my duty," I replied. (No one can say I don't know how to play the game.)

"Oh, find some way—some way out! I'll pay anything!"

"What!" I cried in a voice that would have been worth \$2.50 a night in melodrama.

"Think of me, a heart-broken mother—think of Allan—it will ruin us both. It can't be so bad. He isn't wicked, my boy. He has been led into something wrong; he is so young. Oh, save us—save us, and I'll be your debtor all my life!"

"There are grave accusations, and he has been blackmailed," I said severely.

Little by little I unfolded the whole story, of course, omitting what I had learned concerning Miss Best. The poor creature was thunderstruck.

"But you don't know that he took this money—not the money from the safe. You have no proof of that."

She had me there. She read it in my face, or divined it. I saw that it would never do to let her leave me without further proof. She would go to any length to protect her son. Quickly pressing the electric-bell I took up a position between her and the door.

"Send Mr. Glyce here," I said smoothly to the servant; "he is in the squash court. Mrs. O'Leich desires to speak with him."

She turned upon me with some return of her old imperiousness of manner.

"I wish to speak to my son in private," she said.

I shook my head. "I cannot allow it," I answered coldly.

Instantly she melted. "Surely, surely, you wont intrude upon a mother and her child at a time like this," she begged; "surely, surely not!"

"Remember, Mrs. O'Leich," I said gravely, "if I am to help you there must be no half-measures, and no councils without my presence."

She heaved a mighty sigh of relief, and her face lost its ghastly waxiness. This was my first intimation of a willingness to help.

Just then there was a tap on the door, and Allan, in his exercising suit, stood before us. Without his coat, in his flannel shirt, I suddenly realized how emaciated the boy had grown. The color the exercise had brought to his cheeks looked hectic on their hollowness. This must have flashed through his mother's mind, for she went to him swiftly, as if she expected him to faint in her arms.

He looked with hunted eyes from me to his mother, and his lip quivered.

"I see you've found out," he said, with a self-control of voice that surprised me. Clearly there was good stuff in the lad. "Mother, I'm sorry, I'm—sorry for you!" They were clinging together now, like a couple of frightened children. He looked at me over her head. "I suppose you've got to arrest me, and tell father, and all. But you don't know—"

"About Edith Best?" I interrupted; yes, we both know."

"Well, I want to say," he burst out, "it's all a lie; it's a put up job, though Best says he'll swear and so will his wife, and the girl, too. But I didn't make love to her. I went to see her a few times, and held her hand and kissed her, as any fellow will, if a girl'll let him; but all the whole rest of it's a lie—every word of it!"

"But you took that money to help hush him up," I said.

"I did. I was scared silly. I gave him all I had in the bank first, all the Christmas-money you, mother, and father have been giving me for years, and I've pawned everything worth a dollar. I stole and pawned your gold purse, mother, and I've borrowed wherever I could. It's been—it's been Hell!"

I could sympathize with the poor boy. What chance had he against this paternal badger-game? Not the chance of a snowball in the locality he'd just named. His mother stood erect, looked him in the eyes, and kissed him.

"My poor boy—my poor boy! Oh, why didn't you come to me?"

He looked at me helplessly. "How could I?" he asked. "They made such a rotten story, and they didn't care what they swore to."

Mrs. O'Leich left his side and came



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over to me. She now regarded me as an ally.

"What shall we do? What shall we do? I can't think—I can't see. But you—you are experienced. You believe what he says is true? The children of rich men, yes, and their wives, too, are targets for these infamous wretches. You won't ruin the boy's career, will you? You will give him his chance? His stepfather loves him, but he's not his child. He'd never, never forgive. You know yourself, he wouldn't."

I had worked it out, but I appeared to sink into trance-like thought. At last I broke the tense silence.

"Mrs. O'Leich, have you money, ready money, that you can obtain without your husband's knowledge and consent?"

"Yes, oh, yes," she cried.

"These Bests must be bought off—temporarily, that is, till I can bring other influences to bear. I don't know what terms I can arrange; doubtless two or three thousand will hold them for a while. They must know that the whole state of affairs has been brought to light. Then there is the \$1,600 which we must arrange to have found. Do you happen to know," I asked, turning to Allan, "the denomination of the money of the safe?"

"Twenty twenty dollar bills, thirty ten dollar bills, 200 in silver dollars, and the rest in gold."

"We must frame that up. Can you, Mrs. O'Leich, get five thousand dollars in hand at once?"

She nodded.

"One thing more, Mrs. O'Leich. Ask your husband this evening, casually, why he was walking down the stairs, with a newspaper in his hand at four this morning. He will deny that he did, but you must insist that you saw him." She gazed at me in mystification. "Never mind; do as I say, and to-morrow go to the city for funds. What sort of a doctor is your local light of science?" I added.

"A perfectly incompetent idiot. I wouldn't think of letting him—"

"Excellent!" I exclaimed. "And now I know you want to be alone." I held out my hand. "I know I've no right to trick my employer. I beg you to believe that nothing but my sympathy for you and my belief that the boy has been the victim of a despicable scheme, could influence me."

She seized my hand and covered it with tears and kisses. For once, I must say, I felt pretty small, as I softly left the room.

My next move was to treat myself to a delightful interview with the Best family, lock, stock, and barrel. I had no intention that any of the money in question should find its way into their pockets. I began by diplomatically setting forth that I was an emissary from Mrs. O'Leich, empowered to settle with them. They were delighted. It was exactly what they had counted on, having believed from the start that the matter would be hushed for any reasonable amount, and no legal steps taken. I induced the father to write down his accusations against the boy.

After the accusations and demands were all written out, and the possible suit for breach of promise placed at \$100,000, we began to talk business. They would settle for \$15,000 cash; and even consent to write a statement clearing Allan for all time. Everything looked lovely.

Then I fired my mine. Told them who I was, what I knew about Mrs. Druth, *alias* Miss Best, *alias* Miss Estarr. That having intercepted certain letters, I knew that Father Best was not ignorant of the facts, and the Mr. Druth hoped to reap a sheaf or two of the golden harvest

along with the rest of the family. I added a few words about winking at penonage and blackmail as applied to banking. In all my life I have never witnessed such consternation. Edith cried most unbecomingly. Of course, when I let fall that Mr. O'Leich was still in total ignorance of my knowledge, they offered to let me in on the game at a very generous percentage. I laughed—the family squirmed uncomfortably. I finally closed with them for \$2,500 to hold my tongue, for, as I pointed out, one word from me and he not only lost his very remunerative position as superintendent, but courted jail, as did also his wife, daughter and son-in-law. I left them a thoroughly cowed and disheartened bunch.

I was \$5,500 to the good, including Mrs. O'Leich's hush-money. It was now up to me to furnish my employer with a satisfactory explanation of the disappearance of the money from the safe, something that would forever divert his suspicions.

To that end I had already sent to the Old Man a somewhat odd request, and several small vials were already in my possession.

Then the real comedy began. It opened with the wide-eyed denials of Mr. O'Leich that he had descended the hall-stairs at four in the morning, newspaper in hand. Mrs. O'Leich, much mystified, but following my directions, implicitly, affirmed, with an assurance that would have convinced the recording angel himself, that she had seen her spouse upon this imaginary occasion.

I allowed a few days to pass, during which time I confessed to my employer that I was totally at a loss, that all clews had failed, but I was at work upon a new tack, and hoped for results. He shrugged and intimated that unless I were better worth my salt, my services could be dispensed with.

On Thursday of the week following my interview with the Bests, from whom, by the way, I had collected, as also from Mrs. O'Leich, I proceeded to Act II of the farce. Mr. O'Leich always drank ale before retiring, which was late, after everyone else in the house had knocked

off. Into his glass I managed to introduce a very mild but rapidly-acting knockout-drop. Giving him a half hour from the time he got in bed, Allan and I bore him, snoring heavily, to the library, and left him wedged between two bookcases, a volume open on his knees, in so uncomfortable a position that he was due to waken the moment the effect of the drug wore off. One electric-light we left turned on that he might realize his strange surroundings at the moment of awakening. Then we left him.

About an hour later I heard his stealthy footsteps as he sought his room, and laughed till the tears rolled down my face.

Mr. O'Leich sent for the local prac-

titioner, who, no doubt, pronounced sleep-walking not an uncommon phenomenon, due to overwork, perhaps, and gave him every hope of speedy recovery. The patient said nothing to anyone of his household, but his preoccupation was visible to all. He suggested that a European trip would be of benefit, and let out that he had seen a well known New York doctor, who advised rest. Three days later we repeated the experiment. This time we laid the slumbering magnate beside the opened safe in the dining-room. About him was scattered gold and silver of the denomination of the missing money. A book, the same he had before found upon his knees in the library-episode, lay open beside him, interleaved



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with \$10 and \$20 bank notes. All the doors, except that opening into the center hall, were locked. I had no intention that his slumbers should be interrupted by anyone save my humble self.

I waited till nearly dawn, when I felt sure he would be passing into a natural slumber from which he could be awakened, and stole down.

Mr. O'Leich was soundly sleeping. I stayed outside and watched him through the crack of the door. Presently he stirred, rolled over uncomfortably, grunted, rolled again, and rubbed his eyes. Then he sat up and looked about. His expression was one of frozen horror. He stretched forth a trembling hand, picked up a twenty dollar gold piece and realized that it was real. He gazed at the open safe and a dawn of awful comprehension grew upon him. He scrambled to his feet. Now was my chance. Under cover of the noise he made I hurried back to the stairs and came slowly toward the dining-room, being careful to make a slight but distinct noise. Entering suddenly I covered him with a revolver.

"Throw up your hands!" I said sharply. Then in a tone of well-feigned amazement, "Mr. O'Leich!"

He put his hand to his head. In truth, it must have throbbed cruelly. He opened his mouth to speak, but could not, and sank upon a chair as if his feet had been knocked from under him. I ran to the sideboard and gave him two rousing doses of brandy containing a simple antidote. I had no wish that the drug head he would have later should attract his attention. Naturally he felt better. Then he looked at me. His was the most hang-dog face I have ever seen. My glance was severe and questioning.

Suddenly he began to talk. He explained it all—his sleep-walking, his finding himself in the library upon a previous occasion; his wife's having seen him at four in the corridor, an excursion of which he had no recollection; and now *this!*

I pointed out its obvious meaning. He had already observed it. He looked at me meaningly.

"You'd better pick them up," he said with a nod. "It won't do to leave them

here, and I'm sure I don't want to see them again."

I took the hint, and busied myself as we talked things over in whispers.

"You've got to find me a way out of this, Gene," he said. "I don't want to be a laughing-stock—papers full of my robbing myself, and all that. Besides, it will be made out that my reason is tottering, that I'm on the verge of collapse—and my business interests won't allow it—the doctors say it's only temporary—a matter of a few months' rest—I guess," he added with a weak attempt at humor, "the reward is yours, anyway. You landed the thief—and, see here, Gene, I'll make it worth your while. You're a decent chap, and I like you, blame me, if I don't!"

We closed and locked the safe, the filthy lucre was in my possession, and we tiptoed back to bed.

Well, that's all. We—the Old Man and I—cleared \$5,000 apiece out of the job. But, remember this—every member of that family, and it is very influential, is my devoted friend. They assured me, individually and privately, that they would never forget me, and they haven't.

Did I find a way out for Mr. O'Leich? Well, rather! Shortly after these occurrences, all the papers contained this notice, or words to this effect:

Mr. Daniel O'Leich, the well known millionaire and philanthropist, was called upon to identify a young man, John Waller, aged 17, as the person seen near his country-house at the time of the robbery. The prisoner confessed to finding a gold-mesh purse belonging to Mrs. O'Leich, which, among other memoranda, containing the safe-combination. Realizing the importance of his find, he gained access to the house, and looted the safe, leaving the heavy silver as unwieldy. Mr. O'Leich, owing to the prisoner's youth, refused to prosecute, and has even offered to give the boy employment rather than have him sent to a reformatory," etc., etc.

I have laughed a hundred times to myself, as I have pictured the scene, when Mr. O'Leich casually handed the morning *Herald* to his wife, and heard her say, as I am sure she did:

"Dan, dear, you always were the kindest man in the world. How good of you!"



The search-light picked out the spots

The Building of the Dam

BY CRITTENDEN MARRIOTT

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I
JOHN STEVENS, resident engineer, stood on the nearly finished head-works of the canal and looked about him. On his left the solid masonry of the great dam, 600 feet long and 200 feet in sheer

height, barred the gorge of the Gila and abutted against Pedro Ridge beyond. On his right stretched away in diminishing perspective the cement core-walls of the mile-long dike that continued the barrier over the low land of the south bank. Before him the bed of the future reser-

voir glittered arid in the Arizona sun, trampled and fouled by months of work. All around him was the hum of strenuous toil: Beneath his feet a traveling crane was lowering the 100-ton canal-gates into the slides; overhead shrieked the aerial trolley as it came and went from bank to bank; from the north came the whirl of the cement mills; as he watched, a train shot out from the distant south and hurried up the dike into the middle distance, where a rumble announced that a few hundred more tons of stone had been added to the rock fill.

John Stevens, resident engineer, sighed contentedly. The dam, the reservoir, the headworks, were his work—all his. His had been the reconnaissance-party that first spied out the site; his the preliminary surveys and estimates of cost that determined the practicability of the project; his the final construction; his would be the transformation of the country that would speedily follow. Other projects were being built by contractors; this, the first, was the only one constructed by the Government directly on "force" account.

Stevens drew a long breath. Well he remembered his first view of the valley six years before. Standing on the slope of Pedro Ridge he had seen in imagination the barren sands transformed—had seen the dam, the cement-mill, the busy railway, the great holes whence the rock for the fills had been blasted, the thousands of workmen. And he had seen more: Had seen the land as it would be in the days still to come—the great lake of living water; the expanse of bordering orchards, gardens and vineyards; the white roofs peeping from the green; the sound of church-bells; the happy voices of women and children. Then the vision had faded, melting mirage-like into the blistering sands, and John Stevens had rubbed his dazzled eyes and set to work to complete his reconnaissance and demonstrate to his chiefs in far-off Washington that here, on the Gila, were all the essentials for the construction of a great reservoir that would irrigate 300,000 acres of fertile land and furnish bountiful homes for 7,000 families of American citizens.

Six years had passed since that day—three years in surveys and estimates, one in making ready, and two more in the actual construction now drawing to a close, and here stood the result—the first great reclamation project of the United States Government. The masonry dam was done; the head-works of the canals were done; there remained only a few weeks more work on the earth dam, a few thousand tons of rock-fill to be dumped, another layer of riprap to be laid in cement on the slope—practically the thing was done—raw, unkempt, ugly, but strong and efficient. In two months the Fall floods were to be expected, but before they came all would be completed—all, down to the last rivet in the huge hydraulic-gates.

He had been practically alone in the task. Assistant after assistant had come to him—college-boys who had passed civil-service examinations over which practical men had broken their knees—had come and had gone. One had been incompetent; several had been unable to handle men; others had broken down under the strain of the incessant labor in the broiling sun, the typhoid epidemic that had decimated the force, the strikes, the maddening delays in the arrival of material, the endless convolutions of red tape. Only two remained, and these had been with him for only the last few quiet months—not long enough to prove their worth.

Stevens, resident engineer, looked down at the tiny stream that trickled sluggishly through the sluices in the foot of the masonry dam. Nightly it rose and daily the thirsty sun drank it up again. It seemed incredible that it could ever fill the gorge, much less the great basin flooded by twenty-five square miles of burning sands.

But Stevens was not deceived. He knew well the habit of Arizona streams in general and of the Gila in particular. He knew those yellow sands were eighty feet deep and were filled with water to the brim; that a few cloudy days would see the river shoulder itself high against the barrier he had flung across its course. He had followed the river to its sources on the high rocky plateaus that shed water like a roof; for six years he had

watched it and measured it—surface flow and underflow alike; he knew to an acre-foot its maximum and its minimum and its total flow in those years. Three times he had seen it come down with a rush, bank full, 25 feet deep and 1,000 feet wide. Once, in the early days, it had caught him unready, and had swept away several months' labor. It would come again, he knew; would come with the Fall rains or the melting snows of Spring—might come any day if a cloud happened to burst in the right place over the gorges in the mountains two hundred miles away.

Stevens, however, was not uneasy. No flood was to be expected for two months and in two months his work would be finished and he would be in the East—with Her.

He had known her all his life, but had never realized her until he had seen her on a hurried trip to Washington that Spring. Hardly could he believe her the girl he had known before. Either she had changed or he had—perhaps both; years work quick magic in women, and the solitude of the desert—even the man-peopled solitude—arouses primal passions in men. Stevens had been East for only one busy week, yet when he left for Arizona, only the assurance that to speak would be madness had restrained him from asking her to marry him then and there. As it was, he had told her, in everything short of the bare words, that he would come back for her in the Fall when his work was done. His meaning was unmistakable, but he asked nothing in return; she was free to wait or not, as she saw fit.

II

Stevens, resident engineer, came out of his day-dream with a start as an engine and two cars came swinging around the curve of the five-mile spur that the Santa Fé had built from the main line to the reservoir.

"That's a private car," he grumbled. "Who in thunder have I got to show around now?"

But of course it was She.

"I've come on business," she declared

when the greetings were over. "I wanted information on a matter of grave importance. Of course I might have written, but I hate writing, and so I got Cousin Jack to lend me his private car and just came myself. Behold in me the man of the family."

Stevens smiled. "Oh! the man of the family, are you?" His glance took in the many feminine touches in the well-appointed car. "You don't look it," he laughed, "and your surroundings are hardly in keeping. But I suppose I must take your word for it. So—take off your hat; have a cigar?"

Miss Winthrop laughed. "You horrid boy," she exclaimed. "You men are so proud of your superiority. But, really, Mr. Stevens, I have come on business. I want your advice."

"It's yours for the asking. But why the 'Mr.?' It used to be John."

"That was when we were younger. Besides, this is a business-interview, you know."

"Oh! I forgot. Well! Tell me all about it. I need hardly assure you, and so forth."

The girl's face grew serious. "Thank you, John," she replied. "This is really serious. You see, if father were alive, I could follow my own inclinations and trust to him to see that I made no mistake. But, as it is, I must try to be judicial, and weigh things as father would have weighed them. Marriage is such an important step."

Stevens's face paled and his hand trembled slightly.

"It is, indeed," he returned in a voice out of which all the fun had suddenly disappeared. "You mean—you mean—"

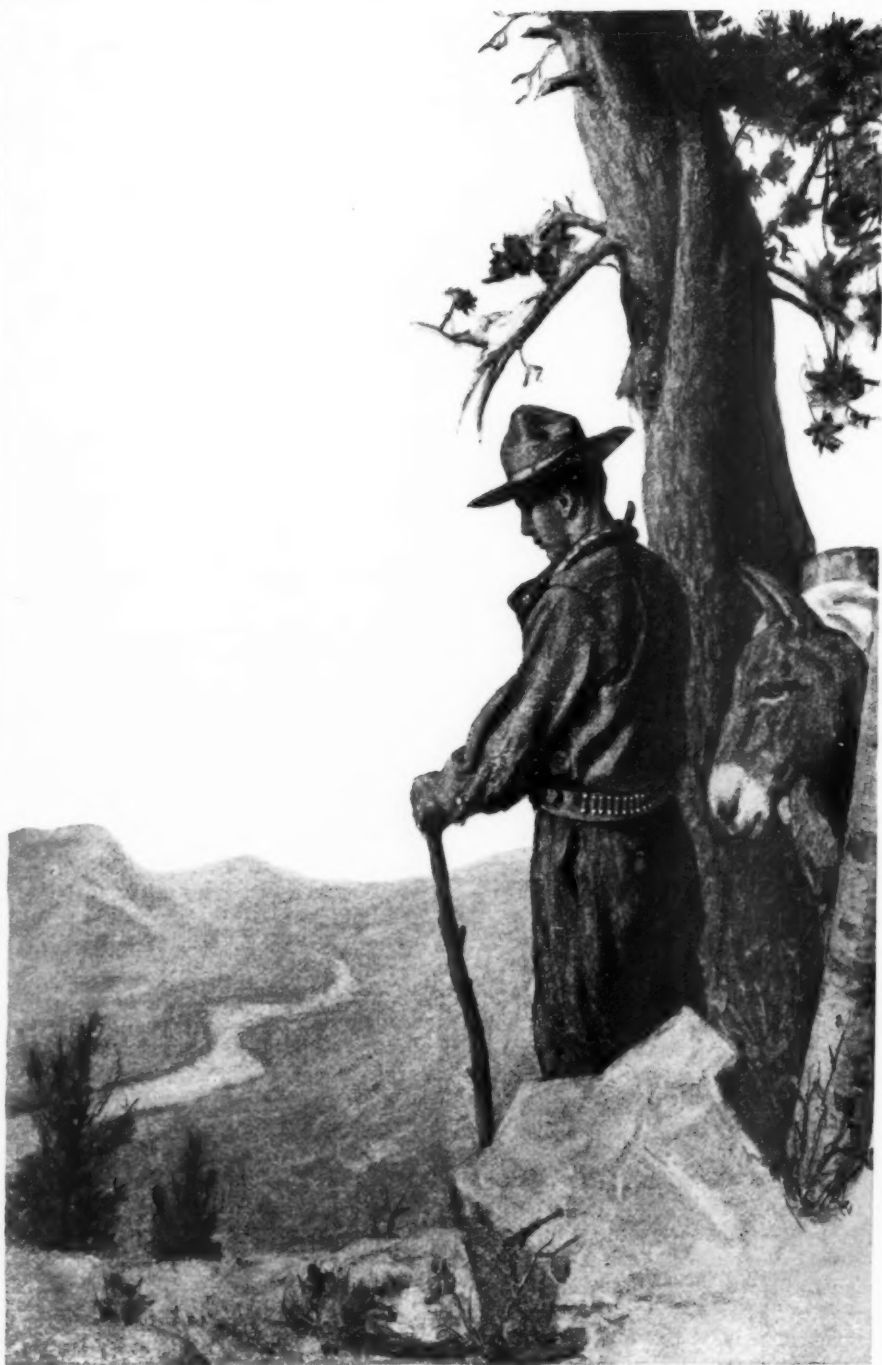
"I mean that I am not going into anything like a romantic girl. He seems very nice and clever, and he is undoubtedly a gentleman and all that, but—Well, I know that father would insist on knowing more about his ability and prospects, and so I came to ask you about him."

"About him? About whom?" Intense anxiety spoke in Stevens' tone.

"Dear me! Didn't I say? About Mr. Simpson."

"Simpson?"

"Yes. You know him, of course. He



He had seen, in imagination, the barren lands transformed

got a post in the Reclamation Service last Spring, and they sent him out here to help you. Surely, you know him!"

Simpson! The latest cub-assistant sent from Washington to the Gila! Stevens' brow grew dark. Without excuse he rose and walked to the far end of the car, where he stood staring blindly into the gathering darkness.

"Why should he have her?" he muttered to himself. "He can't love her as I do. What does a boy like him know of love? And she comes to me—to me of all the people in the world—to ask about him." He paused with a short laugh. "And I've got to praise him to *her*!"

He stopped again and his face grew flushed.

"But have I?" he resumed. "By Heavens, it's too much to ask! Why should I help him to win her when a word from me—She can't care for him very much, after all, or she wouldn't trust to anything but her own intuitions. She'll get over it in time—Oh! It's easy enough. Villainy always is."

He turned and walked back to where the girl sat waiting.

"I regret to tell you," he began abruptly, "that—"

He broke off as a man pushed in at the car-door and hurried toward him.

"Beg pardon, Mr. Stevens," he gasped. "But this telegram's just come, and Mr. Simpson said to get it to you quick as—I beg your pardon, ma'am."

Stevens tore open the envelope:

Heavy rains on the San Carlos reported. Gila in flood. Cloudburst on the Verde. Should reach you by midnight. Looks bad.

Miss Winthrop had watched his face. "Is anything wrong?" she asked.

"Everything!" responded the engineer, shortly. "A flood is coming and will reach us by midnight. Heavy rains on the San Carlos and a cloud-burst on the Verde have joined hands to test the dam two months before they should have come. Your visit was well timed, Miss Winthrop. You will see the coming of a great flood."

The girl ignored the last words. "The dam is safe? There is no danger?" she questioned anxiously.

"None! So far as man can foresee. But there is always a chance." He looked from the window at the gathering dusk.

"The men are at supper now. I'll give them ten minutes more. Food is better than drink for the work to-night. You'll excuse me. I fear I can't come to dinner this evening. As for Simpson—I'll see you again."

With a bow, he was gone.

III

Ten minutes later Margaret Winthrop heard the shriek of a whistle, five times repeated, and an instant after a score of others echoed back the sound. The construction-engines, waiting on the sidings for the night-shift, joined in the chorus, and the whistle of the electric-light plant swelled the uproar. The thud of men running in the semi-darkness followed; the clatter of the tools caught up from the sheds; the rattle of the aerial trolley as it swung out from the farther bank; the fizz and sputter of the arc-lamps as they burst into light, and of the great searchlight as it skimmed along the dam, picking out the parts of the work one by one.

"Toot! Toot! Too—oo—oot! Toot! Toot!" signaled the whistle, and men swarmed down into the bed of the reservoir and began to remove everything that could be moved. All understood that never again were they to see the ground over which they had worked for so many months. Desperately the construction-trains puffed, and incessantly the stone rumbled into the rock-fill, backing the core-walls and strengthening the dike. At the massive canal-gates the great crane toiled, lifting them one by one—their own machinery not yet being installed—so as to give vent to the water and lessen the pressure on the uncompleted dike.

Above these gates Stevens took his post. There, if anywhere, the dam would fail. For the masonry part he had no fear; buried eighty feet deep in sand and rooted in the living rock, it would withstand anything. Nor did the long rock-fill dike give him much concern. The gradual rise of the rocky floor toward the south gave it greater and greater resist-

ance with every foot of distance. But where earth and masonry met—where the great canal began—the pressure would be greatest and the water would fight most fiercely.

The base of the canal was one hundred forty feet above the bottom of the river and sixty feet below the top of the dike. Its floor, paved with jointed rubble laid in cement mortar, blended smoothly into the revetment of the dike, and the whole sloped for two hundred feet upstream, dipping down beneath the sand to the bed-rock. If the canal proved insufficient to carry off the waters, they could spill freely over the crest of the masonry dam to a depth of twenty feet before they would leap over the dike. Surely even the Gila aided by the San Carlos could never rise so high.

Still Stevens feared. For he had staked all—honor, reputation, fortune—on the dam. If it should go out—

At one o'clock came the forerunner of the flood. By some little understood principle of transmitted pressure, the underflow in the bed of the gorge suddenly shouldered itself upward, the dry sand whispering as it rose.

Stevens saw it and caught at the telephone.

"Clear out! clear out!" shrieked the warning whistle, and the men in the gorge dropped what they held and ran for their lives.

Not a moment too soon. The searchlight, playing up-stream, caught the front of the advancing Niagara, and a groan went up from the watchers.

"Sixty feet high!" gasped Stevens, as the water struck, battering wise, against the face of the dam and hurled itself bodily upward in a burst of slashing spray that swept clear over the two hundred foot wall.

Then the river lifted itself bodily, foot by foot, fingering the rocks hungrily, teasing for an opening, a weak spot, where it might burrow and wreck this man-made obstacle across its path. Up it rose, till the gorge was filled and the water poured bank full through the canal gates! Up! until gates had vanished, and only a swirl in the hungry water showed where they were buried.

As the night waned came a new sound as the river breached the masonry dam and plunged, cataract-wise, on the apron beneath; and at dawn the watchers gasped.

"Yesterday it was a desert; to-day it is a lake," they murmured.

IV

Stevens, resident engineer, sat on the headgates and waited. There was nothing to do but to wait—and think—of Margaret and of his dam.

Painfully his mind went over his works inch by inch, wondering at what spot weakness would develop. Here it paused on an odd-shaped stone, there on a trowel of mortar, yonder on the face of a chance workman who had placed a particular stone on a particular day—chance memories, unrelated, that suddenly assumed enormous magnitude. Then it shifted to Margaret and his wrecked hopes. Then back again, in hopeless iteration.

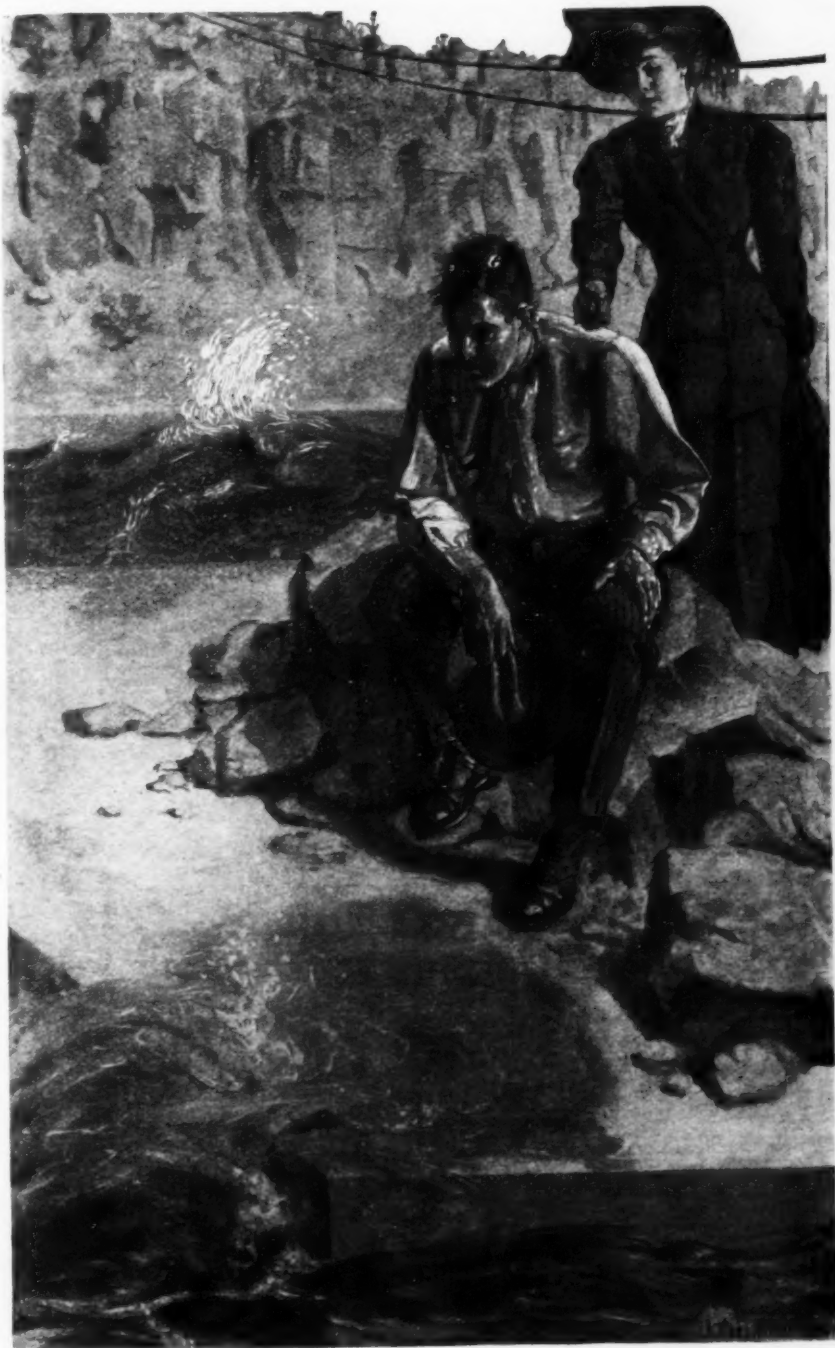
Dinner and breakfast had been brought him successively, but he sent them away untouched. Coffee, whisky, tobacco, he put aside. Never readily approachable, no one dared to force himself upon him in his hour of stress. Still he watched and thought, and still the water rose, driving him at last from the headworks to the top of the earthen dike. All the dam between him and the north shore was lost in a smother of water. Only the long southward-pointing finger of the earth dam breasted the flood which was slowly creeping up its slope. Another ten feet of rise and it, too, would be buried and then—too well Stevens knew what would happen then.

A light touch on his arm roused him, and he turned to find Margaret beside him. Incredulously he looked at her, then at the foam between them and her train.

"You!" he exclaimed, raising his voice so as to be heard above the thunder of the fall. "You! How did you get here?"

Margaret pointed upward to the aerial trolley swinging in the wind.

"By that!" she laughed. "Oh! such a ride!" Then anticipating the rebuke in his eyes, "Don't scold me, John. I had to



A light touch on his arm roused him

come. I came for you. You must come back with me. They tell me that you have not eaten or slept for twenty-four hours. Come, John."

Stevens shook his head. "I must stay here," he answered. "But you must go. You ought never to have come. That trolley may fall in another ten minutes. Please!" He turned toward the car.

But Margaret shook her head. "Not without you, John," she murmured.

Stevens stifled an exclamation. "Do you know what will happen if the water rises ten feet more?" he demanded harshly.

Margaret measured the flood with her eye. "I can guess," she answered.

"Can you? Ten feet will bring the water over the crest of this dike—over the core-walls into the unfinished rock-fill. Once there, it will not take it ten minutes to scoop a way to the foundations and then—Everything will go: Honor, reputation, hope for the future, fortune—and you. You don't want to die that way, Margaret?"

"Do you?"

Stevens laughed wildly. "Why not? Everything else will be gone. Why should I not go, too?"

But the girl shook her head. "No, John," she answered, and her voice rang above the thunder of the water. "All will not go even if the dam does. A man will be left—a strong, brave man, a man who will rise again, a man who will not stay beaten, a true man—"

Stevens laughed aloud. "A true man?" he echoed. "A true man? No! not a true man, but a liar and a hypocrite. Listen! And then perhaps you will leave me to go down with my dam. Do you know what you did yesterday when you asked me about Simpson? You let the devil loose in me. For months I had been thinking of you—of nothing but you—hoping, longing for you with all my strength and heart and soul. I had begun to hope—Oh! what fools we men can be!—I had begun to hope when you came to tell me of your love for that boy—"

He paused, shaken by his emotion.

Miss Winthrop started and was about to speak. But Stevens, unheeding, swept on.

"It maddened me!" he cried. "Maddened me! I had always thought myself honest, but—I did not know! I did not know. At the first strong temptation, I fell. I opened my mouth to lie to you—to tell you evil things about the man you love—when I was interrupted, as you know. But I lied in intention. It was only an accident that I did not lie in fact. I—Miss Winthrop! Permit me to inform you that Simpson is a capable and intelligent young man, the best assistant that I have had on this work. He is still inexperienced but is learning fast. Further, he is clean and honest; I myself know him to be a gentleman with all that that implies. He is in every way worthy of you, and I believe you will be happy with him. Now you know how 'true' I am! Good-by!"

The girl raised her eyes to his with an expression that a woman wears for but one man—an expression that made Stevens grow pale.

"Don't you despise me?" he faltered.

"I think you are the bravest and truest and finest man in the world," she averred. "You have triumphed over yourself and that—But no matter! Bessie will be delighted to hear such good things of Mr. Simpson!"

"Bessie!" Stevens echoed the name hoarsely.

"Of course! My sister Bessie! Why, you foolish fellow, did you think I was inquiring about Mr. Simpson for myself? Bessie and Mr. Simpson have been dreadfully in love with each other for a year and more."

Stevens caught the girl in his arms. "Margaret!" he gasped. "Tell me—"

"Oh! no! no! Not here! Oh! you great, wet, gaunt, hungry bear! Come back with me to dry land and—perhaps—"

Stevens turned toward the trolley, when loud above the roar of the water sounded the shriek of the steam-whistle.

"They are signaling! Listen!" he cried.

"Toot! Toot! Toot, toot! Toot, toot!" Stevens' face lighted up.

"Thank God!" he breathed. "The worst is over. That signal means that the water has begun to fall."



Parisian Fashion Model XLI C—From Life

By special contract with
REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Drécoll: — Costume of cerise mousseline
trimmed with bands of lace.



Parisian Fashion Model XLII C—From Life

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REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Rondeau:—Mantle of brown Greek soutache
on tulle.



Parisian Fashion Model XLIII C—From Life

By special contract with
REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Callot:—Mantle of two-toned green satin
trimmed with passementerie.



Pansian Fashion Model XLIV C—From Life

By special contract with
REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Drécoll:—Costume of red voile; the corsage
has cuffs and revers of embroidered linen.



Parisian Fashion Model XLV C—From Life

By special contract with
REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Drécoll:—Tailored costume of gray, trimmed
with black velvet.





Parisian Fashion Model XLVII C—From Life

By special contract with
REUTLINGER, PARIS

Maison Doeillet:—Costume of white silk tulle
trimmed with pearl embroidery.



SOME DRAMAS OF THE DAY

by
Louis V. De Foe

Douglas Fairbanks and Miss Adelaide Manola
in Rupert Hughes' play "All for a Girl"



DOES the war of the rival versions of "The Devil" sound the keynote of the coming dramatic year? At least the noise of the fierce struggle has turned the eyes of the public back to the stage and precipitated the opening of the new season by a full fortnight. New York, always eager for the beginning of the plays, for once was caught unawares.

Behind its placid mask of whimsical Summer-diversion Broadway was throbbing with preparations for its September avalanche of new plays when the conflict between the two theatrical Solons suddenly broke loose. Manager Henry W. Savage, who imagined that he was safely in possession of the American rights to the now famous drama by Franz Molnar, was leisurely preparing to produce Oliver Herford's translation at his Garden Theatre about September 15, with Edwin A. Stevens in the title rôle.

Meanwhile, in a little village up the Hudson a splendid company, organized by Harrison Grey Fiske, and headed by that distinguished character-actor, George Arliss, had for weeks been rehearsing another version of the play, which had been prepared by Alexander Konta and William Trowbridge Larned. The secret was carefully guarded. No notice of what was to happen was given until the day before the performance at the Belasco Theatre.

Mr. Savage, dumbfounded but full of fight, hastily assembled his scattered company. Twenty-four hours for continuous rehearsal was still left and every minute of it was utilized.



Miss Doris Keane who will appear in the one Act play "The Likes o' Me"

humorous Satan, with a comic-opera smirk and a red lining to his coat. No attempt is made to emphasize the symbolism which gives the drama its value. The rest of the company follow the star's lead.

With curtains rising on every side and the theatrical atmosphere crackling with plans, there is no opportunity now to go into the details of the Molnar play. Suffice it to say that it is a remarkably ingenious work, planned on the triangular conflict of the prosaic husband, his dissatisfied wife, and her artist lover, who stands ready to fill the void in her life. But this is merely a background, before which is projected, in the form of man, the uncanny, evil influence of disruption which works within the triangle and brings to destruction the three humans who stand at its points. The *Devil* as a character in the play, in short, is Evil personified.

But even this contest of "The Devils," almost unique in theatrical history for its virulence, has not had the effect of weakening the anticipation of other dramatic

events which the new season will gradually bring forth. Concerning the prospects of the year, Charles Frohman, the aggregate of whose interests will exceed those of any other New York manager, preserves his usual silence. The result must tell its own story, he says.

Artistically Mr. Fiske's company has all the advantage of the contest. Mr. Arliss' performance of the suave, polished, cynical, witty philosopher and man-of-the-world, half Shade and half Man, who rises out of nowhere to create discord, jealousy, and hatred and then dissolves into nothing, is a bit of acting turned to high comedy which is almost perfect. The other members of the cast, though of lesser ability, keep well within the spirit of the play.

Mr. Stevens' *Devil*, in the Garden Theatre version, closely approaches the level of burlesque. His is a grinning,

events which the new season will gradually bring forth. Concerning the prospects of the year, Charles Frohman, the aggregate of whose interests will exceed those of any other New York manager, preserves his usual silence. The result must tell its own story, he says. Daniel Frohman, a most astute and artistic manager, who is interested in many of his brother's productions, is more outspoken.

"Each dramatic season in America," he says, "is like every other in this respect, that our audiences may always be depended upon to support every play that is good of its kind, whether it be tragedy, drama, comedy, farce or musical comedy. Plays fail, of course. The question then arises: Was it worthy in its

own class? In almost every case it probably was not."

Through the avenue of the Frohmans most of the recent London dramatic successes will reach an American hearing during the coming months. It will be Charles Frohman who will introduce to this country the popular young English writer, J. Somerset Maugham. Two of his plays, "Jack Straw" and "Lady Frederick," are already in rehearsal, with John Drew and Miss Ethel Barrymore at the head of their respective casts. Their English interpretations have already been described in *THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE*; their fates on this side of the ocean will be decided before this article reaches the eyes of its readers.

Two other English dramas, "The Mollusc," by Hubert Henry Davies, and "Diana of Dobson's," by Cicely Hamilton, are even closer at hand. Joseph Coyne, the *Prince Danilo* of the London "Merry Widow," will head the cast of the first, and Miss Carlotta Nillson, who has just joined the Frohman forces, will be the star of the second.

Having seen both of these plays in London recently I may say that it needs no close scrutiny to detect, almost at a glance, that "Diana of Dobson's" is the work of a woman dramatist—for the sex of the author reveals itself in many ways other than in the name—Cicely Hamilton, which stands beneath the title on the program. You are impressed at once by the close drawing of the feminine characters and the knowledge of woman's nature reflected in them. At the same time you are surprised at how little Miss Hamilton knows about men.

Another conclusive proof that the author is a woman is that the incidents in



Miss Marjorie Wood, Leading Lady with Robert Edeson in "The Call of the North"

the play seem remote from actual life. They build up a pretty story, parts of which are nicely told, yet the long arm of coincidence is wrenched almost out of joint and reasonable probability is violated at nearly every turn for the sake of theatrical effect. Events happen in *Diana's* drab, monotonous existence, not because they might occur that way in real life, but because Miss Hamilton wills that they must. As for *Captain, the Honorable Victor Bretherton*, he seems to be a prototype of the late Professor Walter Wyckoff, of Princeton University, who once became a tramp to study certain principles of social economy. His experiment, interesting in its way, led to

no very conclusive results; of *Captain Bretherton's* in the play much the same comment may be made.

If the character of *Diana* fails to be readily grasped in America it will be because there are no exact prototypes of her in our land of the free. To the eyes of the world the slaves of the counter in our great department-stores are imperious, care-free creatures, far removed from the wan, ill-nourished, bullied creatures whose acquaintance you make in the play.

This phase of existence is common enough in the big, cheap London stores, of which Dobson's Drapery Establishment is a fair example. In its dingy dormitory are huddled miserable shop-girls who toil fourteen hours a day at fourteen shillings a week. Everything about the place is eloquent of their pitable lives. The occupants drag themselves to their rows of uninviting cots, slip out of their tawdry finery, and prepare for their restless sleep. Here is one touch of nature worthy of Clyde Fitch's best work.

Diana Massingbird presently appears and begins to pick to pieces her unkempt marcel wave. She is disconsolate, impatient, utterly sick of living. She is willing to sell her soul for the incalculable wealth of a five-pound note. Another girl enters and hands her a letter. In an instant confusion reigns supreme in the dormitory. *Diana* has fallen heiress to the stupendous legacy of \$1,500! Her emancipation has dawned! "A crowded hour of glorious life" has opened before her! The forewoman of Dobson's rushes in to silence the excitement. *Diana* boldly invites her "to go to the devil."

The following act finds *Diana* in Switzerland in the full enjoyment of her coveted "hour of glorious life," reveling in her first feast of actual luxury. To the other tourists she is known as a widow with an income of \$1,500 a month. Her wealth, beautiful gowns, and attractive manner dazzle her envious companions. How the poor shop-girl could have contrived to assume the polished airs of a *grande dame* almost overnight is scarcely explainable, but the fact itself is essential to the story. And here, too, is *Sir Jabez Grinley*, the real

head of Dobson's, struggling to cast his bleeding heart at *Diana's* feet, while the ambitious aunt of *Captain Bretherton* is plotting a rich catch for her all but worthless nephew.

A month passes quickly. The luckless day arrives when *Diana's* little legacy is spent. Her "day of glorious life" having been lived, she is preparing to resume her dismal tasks in the cheap London shop. *Captain Bretherton* proposes marriage, whereupon *Diana* calmly sits down and tells him all the facts of her masquerade. He is dumbfounded and denounces her as an imposter. She turns upon him savagely and points out the cupidity and contemptibleness of his nature which she has exposed, asserting that at least she can earn an honest living, and branding him as a parasite incapable of winning a bare living by his own efforts.

The scene of the final act is the Thames Embankment at 3 A.M. Tattered wrecks of London's gutter-life sprawl on the benches. One of the outcasts is *Diana*, now in rags, homeless, out of work, and half-starved. Another—a man—lights his pipe and the flare of the match discloses his identity. He is *Captain Bretherton*, whose better nature has been awakened by *Diana's* denunciation, and who has been striving to make a living with his own hands—and has failed! The allowance of \$3,000 a year from his aunt, which he despised in luxury, now seems a princely income. And he is anxious to marry *Diana* for quite a different and better reason than was in his mind before. They stroll away together and the curtain falls.

Is not this play made out of a shop-girl's dream? Can you not imagine how Laura Jean Libbey would revel in such a story? Nothing quite like it, as I have said, is imaginable in real life. If it carry conviction at all in America the credit will be due to the cast. All the hocus-pocus of the stage will be needed to make the characters seem actual.

Concerning "The Mollusc," I hope that this charming little play by Hubert Henry Davies may receive its just deserts in America. There is danger that it may be underestimated because of its extreme simplicity. It contains only four



Miss Hattie Williams who will appear as *Fluffy Ruffles*

characters, but they seem to have stepped on the stage out of the sphere of actual existence. A single setting suffices for its three acts. Every line in it has the merit of ringing true to life. From its first to its last curtain it does not sound one forced or jarring note. And hidden in its story is a moral, the significance of which can scarcely be overlooked.

The mollusc of the plot, if she be not

actually of the invertebrate world, has many of the invertebrate's characteristics. She is *Mrs. Baxter*, who lives happily enough with her husband in a pretty country-house not far from London. In the household are also two children and *Miss Roberts*, their attractive and capable governess. *Mrs. Baxter* is potentially good, but exceedingly irritating. Like the invertebrate mollusc of science she

prefers to cling to the rocks and resist the rising tide. She is mild-tempered but constitutionally lazy and helpless. The path of least resistance is good enough for her, and she remains persistently blind to the consequences of following it.

Naturally, the efficient governess gradually supplants her in her husband's life. The real danger is that *Miss Roberts*, a woman of the finest impulses, herself, is

not aware of the domestic wreck of which she may become the innocent cause. She regards *Mr. Baxter* only as a platonic friend, not noticing his increasing dependence upon her. To be sure, it is at the wife's bidding that she breakfasts, strolls, and reads with him and occupies all his other interests. *Mr. Baxter* is likewise oblivious of the gathering clouds. His motives toward the governess are always the best.

It is at this critical juncture that *Tom Kemp*, *Mrs. Baxter's* brother, arrives from Colorado to pay the family a visit. One evening in his sister's home suffices to teach him in which quarter the wind sits. But being gifted with rare common-sense he blames neither the governess nor his brother-in-law for the latter's unconscious infatuation. He understands *Mrs. Baxter's* faults and sets about the task of saving her from them.

Discouragement follows his first efforts, and then another and unforeseen complication arises, for *Kemp* finds himself rapidly falling in love with *Miss Roberts*, while the *Baxters*, who consider the governess essential to their own home, do their utmost to prevent it. And when this love is impulsively declared and as impulsively repulsed, *Tom Kemp's* peck of trouble appears to him to have suddenly increased to a full bushel. But he bides his time and waits for the tempest which he knows is sure to come. At last the clouds break, and out of the storm he carries off the governess in triumph, leaving the sunshine of a better understanding gradually spreading over the *Baxter* household.

Interesting, in a measure, as they are, neither of these transplanted plays, however, is likely to occupy the place of importance in the *Frohman* repertoire which will be allotted to the productions set aside for *Miss Maude Adams* and *William Gillette*. For *Miss Adams*, *J. M. Barrie* is hurrying a new play to completion, and it may be ready during the holidays. Not even a hint of its plot has been permitted to escape, but memories of



Robert Edson as *Ned Trent* in
"The Call of the North"

"The Little Minister" and "Peter Pan" will insure its welcome, whatever its nature may be. Less mystery surrounds Mr. Gillette's new play, which is "Samson," by Henri Bernstein, the author of last season's fine success, "The Thief." The new work is said to be a domestic drama, written on a powerful theme. While Mr. Gillette is busy acting in "Samson," a play from his own pen, "Ticey," will exploit the talents of a new-comer among the dramatic stars, Miss Mary Ryan.

The really aggressive novelty in the Frohman list is sure to be Edmund Rostand's "Chanticleir," a satire about birds, which will be performed in February, close on the heels of its original Paris production in which Coquelin will play the leading part. The actors in this curious poetic drama will impersonate birds. In fact, they will scarcely be recognizable as humans. *Chanticleir* is the barn-yard rooster who rules all the feathered tribe. It is he who makes the sun rise; if he were to lose his power and everlasting darkness should ensue, bird-creation would suffer the domination of owls and other fowls of darkness. Is this not a sufficient inkling of the fantastic plot?

Of course the Pinero drama, "The Thunderbolt," will have a prominent place among Charles and Daniel Frohman's productions. It has been discussed in an earlier issue of THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE. But as its public hearing is several months distant, no effort has yet been made to cast it.

For the moment, the Frohman offices are busy launching Caillavet's comedy, "The Richest Girl," in which Miss Marie Doro is to appear; "The Girls of Gotenberg," the big Gaiety Theatre success, which may find lodgement at the Knickerbocker Theatre all Winter; "Fluffy Ruffles," another musical-comedy booked for a long stay at the Criterion in New York, and "The Dollar Princess," an operetta, the tune-

fulness of which is known to all who have recently visited Berlin.

Contrasted with Charles Frohman's complicated projects for the coming months in stageland, David Belasco's plans seem extremely meager. Let no one, however, underestimate their importance. This wizard of the stage is one of the real geniuses of his day, an author and manager who accomplishes great and fine things.



Frank McIntyre as Bob Blake in
"The Traveling Salesman"

Listen to his forecast for the next nine months of play-going.

"The restoration of public confidence," he says, "will be a great factor in the success of the theatre. But foreign-made plays will suffer for the reason that, during the past few years, there has arisen throughout our land a great and growing national spirit. This is reflected in our literature and especially in our plays. The great dramatic successes of recent years have been of American authorship, and to-day, as never before, the native author is having his chance."

Does not this sentiment have the right, encouraging ring?

Mr. Belasco, again, has confounded all his competitors. He has suddenly deserted his policy of ornate productions and extensive casts and will lavish all his attention on a drama which contains

only fine characters and one modest setting. This play, "The Fighting Hope," by William J. Hurlbert, is intended for Miss Blanche Bates. Mr. Belasco had half finished another drama for her use when the Hurlbert manuscript was submitted to him. It impressed him so favorably that he immediately accepted it and the wisdom of his choice will be put to a test in Washington during September. By October the play will have reached the Stuyvesant in New York, to remain the rest of the Winter.

David Warfield need not concern Mr. Belasco this season, for he is to tour in the West in "The Music Master" and "A Grand Army Man," returning to New York at the Academy of Music in January. Nor need Miss Charlotte Walker and Frank J. Keenan, for they, also, will be on tour in "The Warrens of Virginia," the Belasco success of last season.



Mrs. Sarah MacVicker and Miss Gertrude Coghlan in "The Traveling Salesman"



Miss Mary Boland who will support John Drew in "Jack Straw"

But Miss Frances Starr will occupy a large share of her manager's attention, for Mr. Belasco is writing a new play for her which he intends to produce during the Winter. It is yet unnamed, but of it Mr. Belasco says that it will present the young actress in a rôle totally unlike the one in "The Rose of The Rancho." Of Miss Bates' new rôle in "The Fighting Hope" he will only divulge that it is set in a modern theme and that the actress will appear for the first time in several years in a character of to-day.

The sudden appearance of Harrison Grey Fiske's version of "The Devil" at the Belasco Theatre disclosed the fact that he had secured practically all the time for the coming season at the older of Mr. Belasco's two New York playhouses. The two prominent managers who have fought so bitterly for their independence are thus, at last, allied.

When the career of "The Devil" is ended Mrs. Fiske's name will be spread on the Belasco's electric-sign and she will introduce, in Edward Sheldon, a

young playwright hitherto unknown to New York. No title has yet been selected for his drama and all that has been said of its general drift is that it contains a brilliantly drawn character, around whom is woven in a sparkling way a social theme local to New York. But so great is the confidence in its popularity that Mrs. Fiske is almost sure to be on view to visitors in New York throughout the Winter months.

Mr. Fiske's arrangements also include the production of a play by Madame Fred de Gresac in Pittsburg during October. Madame de Gresac is now in the Adirondacks putting the finishing touches on the work. Its plot deals with society, artist, and studio-life in Paris and its principal interest is the birth of artistic genius in its heroine through self-sacrifice and suffering. The end, however, is not tragic, which may occasion some surprise since its stellar rôle has been allotted to Miss Bertha Kalich.

Of the new season Mr. Fiske says:

"In the aggregate there will be fewer theatrical ventures during the Autumn than usual. While the season's program, as thus far disclosed, does not give special promise, it is too early yet to venture predictions as to the artistic outcome."

Henry B. Harris, who owes the conspicuous place he holds among New York producers of plays to his acumen in staging Charles Klein's significant drama, "The Lion and the Mouse," at the psychological moment, will return this year to the writer who won him a fortune. In the interim Mr. Klein has received two setbacks in "The Daughters of Men" and "The Step-Sister," but in "The Mischief Makers," which will make its appearance during the holidays with Edmund Breeze in its leading character, he hopes to retrieve himself. Speculation as to what the play is about is idle; the title, it may be noted in passing, would admirably fit Franz Molnar's drama, "The Devil."

Though the season has barely begun the lively Mr. Harris already has two productions in running order in New York. James Forbes' comedy, "The Traveling Salesman," is not quite up to

the mark of his first capital piece, "The Chorus Lady," for, aside from the breezy character well drawn by the author and admirably played by Frank J. McIntyre, it is chiefly concerned with the melodramatic story of "lifting the mortgage off the old farm."

The heroine in this instance is a railroad station-agent and telegraph-operator in a Western cross-roads town. She is about to be beaten out of a tract of land, needed by the railroad company for improvements, when *Bob Blake*, a dry-goods drummer, appears as her cavalier. It is not so much the story as the happy-go-lucky traveling salesman, into whose mouth Mr. Forbes has put a fund of Patricia O'Brien slang, that has won popularity for the piece. Miss Gertrude Coghlan, in the rôle of the station-agent, has also aided materially in achieving the happy result.

The less said about Mr. Harris' other production, "The Call of the North," the better. It is a dramatization of Stewart Edward White's story, "Conjuror's House," and a failure. George Broadhurst, who used the scissors and spread the mucilage, managed to miss all the atmosphere and misdirect all the climaxes of the original tale. Even the popularity of that virile actor, Robert Edeson, in the rôle of *Ned Trent*, can scarcely save the play from disaster.

Yet Mr. Harris has other irons in the fire. He intends soon to produce "On The Eve," said to be a strong drama by Dr. Leopold Kampf, adapted for American audiences by Miss Martha Morton. He also has a play by Edgar Selwyn from Sir Gilbert Parker's "Pierre And His People." The dramatic version will be called "Pierre of The Plains" and the adaptor will also act the leading rôle. When Miss Henrietta Crossman returns from her tour of the South Mr. Harris, undismayed by the total loss of "The Christian Pilgrim" a year ago, will present her in a new comedy by Agnes and Egerton Castle.

Of the general aspect of the new season Mr. Harris, who ought to be able to judge, says:

"It is always a bad year for a bad play. So far as the present season is con-



Miss Maxine Elliott
(From her latest photograph by the Otto Sarony Company)



Bruce McRae who will support Miss Ethel Barrymore in "Lady Frederick"

cerned I have every reason to believe it will prove a better one than any that has gone before. A Presidential election, or any other national disturbance, may for a time affect the pulse of the stock-market or commercial business in general, but so far as amusements are concerned, they are affected only in the smallest way."

An echo of this sentiment sounds from the busy offices of the Shuberts who, undismayed by last year's monetary disturbances, have planned a season's campaign which will encompass nearly every branch of dramatic art.

"The only requisite," observes Mr. Lee Shubert, "is that productions must be genuinely good—good drama, good comedy, good musical comedy, good fantasy. The thing I hope for most is the success of the American playwright."

The preliminary activity of the Shuberts, at any rate, has been prodigious. Many of the best American stars are under their guidance and all, except Miss Julia Marlowe, who still lingers in Italy, are busily rehearsing. Edward H. Sothorn will continue in "Lord Dundreary" and he will also appear in "Gil Blas," written by Justin Huntley McCarthy, who once equipped him with the admirable romance, "If I Were King." Miss Marlowe will resume her Shakespearean repertoire, in which no American actress excels her, and, in addition, will present John Fagan's comedy, "Gloria," in New York. Miss Mary Mannering will be given the honor of opening the Lyric Theatre in Mrs. Rida Johnson Young's colonial comedy, "Glorious Betsy," which will be the Shubert's first New York production. Mme. Alla Nazimova will annex to her Ibsen repertoire a new problem-play by

Rupert Hughes. In addition to posing a problem it will be temperamental, as is the young Russian star, herself. Miss Maxine Elliot will dedicate the new theatre to be named after her about Jan. 1, when she will be seen in "Myself, Bettina," by Miss Rachel Crothers, after which she will produce a new comedy tailored to her measure by Clyde Fitch.

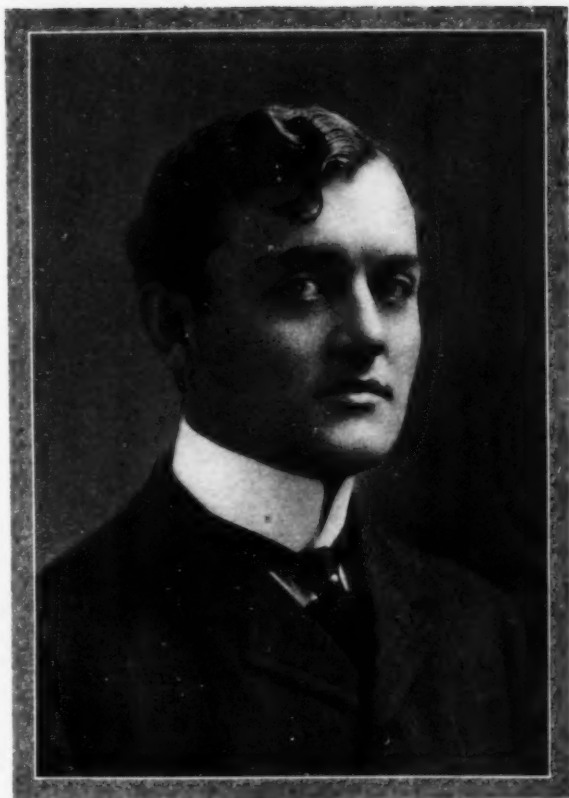
Among their musical comedy enterprises the Shuberts will launch "Mlle. Mischief," with Miss Lulu Glaser in the title rôle, at the Casino in October. The piece is from a Viennese original, adapted by Sydney Rosenfeld, with music by Von Ziehren, a colleague of Franz Lahar, of "Merry Widow" fame. A fantastic production, "What Happened Then," by Austin Strong and Edward Corliss, will follow. De Wolf Hopper is to be its star and act the *Pied Piper of Hamelin*. Miss Louise Gunning will re-emerge as a

comic opera star in Frank Pixley and Gustav Luders' "The Baron of Berghof;" if the venture succeeds she will be a long Winter resident at the Herald Square Theatre.

"The best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft agley," runs the old Scotch proverb. So, held in readiness against a rainy day by the Shuberts are "The Vampire," a semi-symbolic drama by Allan Woolf and George Sylvester Veireck; "Father and Son," a comedy by Edgar Selwyn; "The Return of Eve," "The Arnott Will," and "The Girl in Waiting"—all prose plays—and "The Blue Mouse," and "The Paradise of Mohammed," musical comedies which have already won success on the stages of Germany.

Among the New York managers one, whose sure artistic perception entitles him to a place in the front rank, is missing from this busy hive of preparation and rehearsal. Henry Miller, who dared, in the face of bitter discouragement last season, to produce Charles Rann Kennedy's noble play, "The Servant In The House," is acting in the West in "The Great Divide." His plans are already formulated, and when the new season is at its height his Associate Players, headed by Miss Edith Wynne Mathison, will enter the Savoy Theatre to produce two more plays in Mr. Kennedy's cycle of seven—"The Winter Feast" and "The Idol Breaker." Mr. Miller may also produce "The Faith Healer," by Professor William Vaughan Moody, and "The Awakening of Helen Ritchie," based on Mrs. Margaret Deland's story, the latter with Miss Margaret Anglin in the rôle of *Helen*.

New York's keen anticipation of "The



Richard Bennett who will appear in
"Diana of Dobsons"

Man From Home," roused by its run of nearly a season in Chicago, has been somewhat disappointed. The comedy by Booth Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson, which had long been heralded as a running mate for "The Music Master," has revealed itself as a very conventional piece of playwriting on a hackneyed subject, redeemed in part by its admirable central character, *Daniel Vorhees Pike*, which William T. Hodge acts with commendable skill. It is one of the first of the season's productions in Broadway, yet it has been granted no more than casual attention.

It is, however, the fore-runner of a varied series of dramas projected by Liebler and Company who next will launch "The Regeneration," a serious comedy, the result of collaboration by Owen Kildare and Walter Hackett. The authors describe their plot as an illustra-

tion of the hopeless task of regenerating waste human material and remaking it into a useful man. The star is to be Arnold Daly—he of the late lamented and idealess Theatre of Ideas.

At the head of Liebler's list of stars is Miss Eleanor Robson who is now busily rehearsing F. Marion Crawford's "The Nun," a drama of life in Italy, which will be ready for production in a fortnight. Next stands Nat C. Goodwin, a new acquisition to the firm, who has come back from his Nevada gold mine to appear throughout the season as a tender-hearted Mississippi River gambler in "Cameo Kirby," by Booth Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson. For Miss Viola Allen the Lieblers have commissioned Eugene Walter, author of "Paid in Full," to write a new play. This same firm owns the rights to Cleveland Moffatt's drama, "A King In Rags," and they have borrowed Wilton Lackaye to create its title rôle and give dignity to a class problem which is handled from a point of view directly opposite anything

heretofore attempted. The Lieblers have also picked Walker Whiteside for stellar precedence, and a company which will surround him in "The Melting Pot," by Israel Zangwill is now actively rehearsing. Mr. Whiteside will impersonate a young Hebrew musician whose fortunes take him out of old country surroundings and bring him into conflict with the life of the new world.

Of the eight dramatic events which the Lieblers will contribute to the new season, seven are plays by American authors. Curiously enough, all were purchased abroad.

Although Klaw & Erlanger control half a dozen New York theatres they cannot find stages enough in these busy times to carry on their rehearsals. "Little Nemo In Slumberland," which promises to be the biggest spectacular production of the year, the musical score for which has been composed by Victor Herbert, is now engaging their chief attention. After it in quick succession will come Paul

Armstrong's melodrama of cadet-life at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, "In Times of Peace;" "The Bonnie Belle of Scotland," a musical-comedy, in which Miss Alice Lloyd will star; "A Mountain Boy," a romance of life in the Kentucky mountains by Miss Pauline Phelps and Miss Marion Short, who wrote "A Grand Army Man" for David Warfield; and "Cinderella," a comedy with Miss Mabel Taliaferro in the leading part, in the production of which Klaw and Erlanger will be associated with Frederick Thompson.

Returning again to the new season's actual accomplishments, honeymoon visitors in New York during Central Park's golden days are advised not to overlook Rupert Hughes' dramatization of "Love's Young Dream," which, under the title of "All For A Girl," has enthroned Douglas Fairbanks on the



Mme Alla Nazimova who will continue to appear in Ibsen Roles



Miss Edith Wynne Mathison and Miss Gwladys Wynne in "The Servant in the House"



Miss Carlotta Nilsson who will play *Diana* in "Diana of Dobsons"

matinee pedestal. Shakespeare's injunction, "The play's the thing," does not apply in this case, for the real entertainment lies with Mr. Fairbanks, who cleverly acts the rôle of a poor youth who is too proud to lay his bleeding heart at the feet of a Newport heiress. With true American-girl initiative she contrives to snare him in the final act after many amusing adventures.

"All For A Girl" will probably occupy the Bijou's stage until Miss Grace

George is ready to supplant it in November with Madame Fred de Gresac's new comedy, "Give And Take." Should the play refuse to draw—a crisis likely to be brought about only by a shortage in the honeymoon market—William A. Brady will be ready to replace it with Louis Mann in a farce, "The New Generation," by Jules Eckert Goodman or Thomas A. Wise in "A Gentleman From Mississippi," a new drama of politics of which he is the author.



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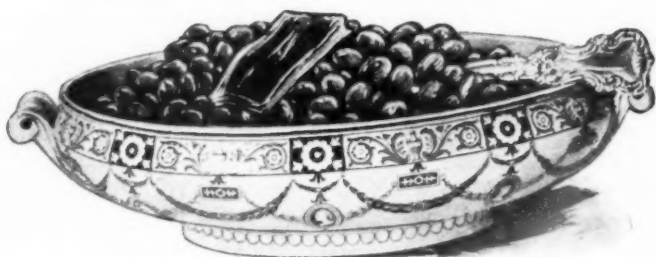
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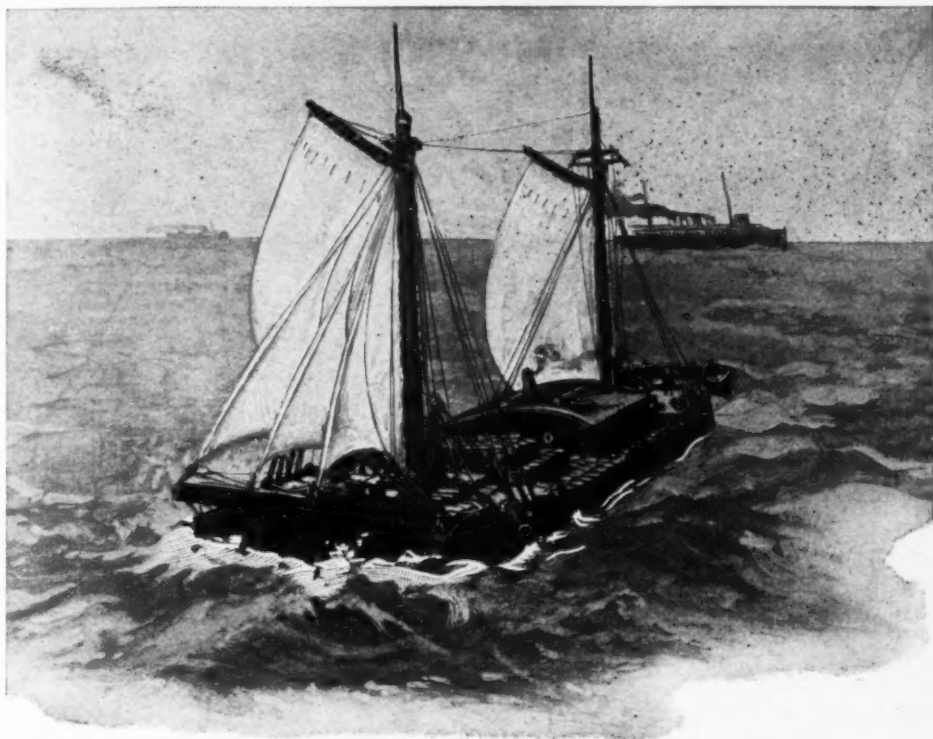
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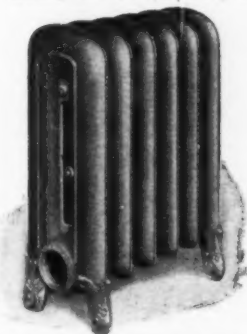
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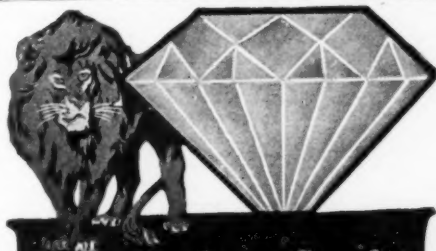
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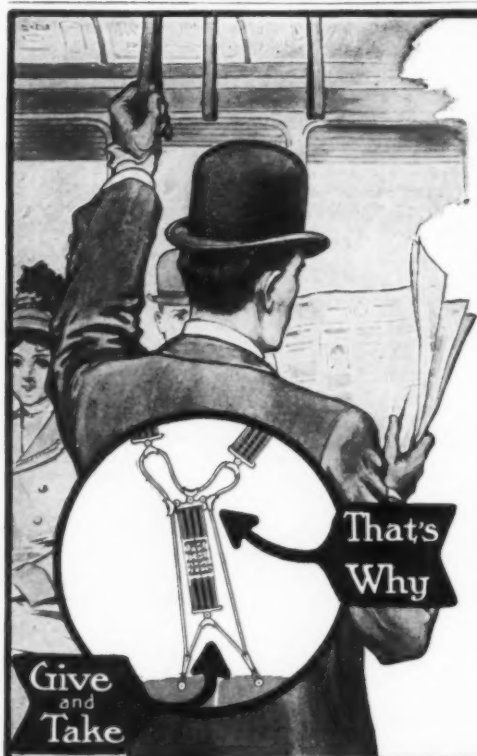
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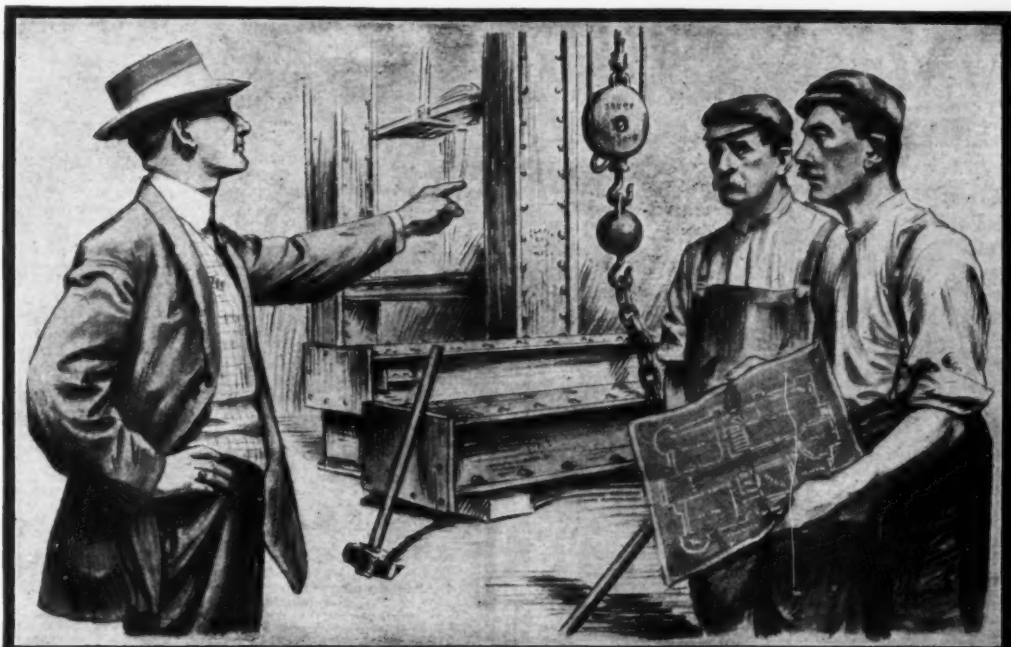
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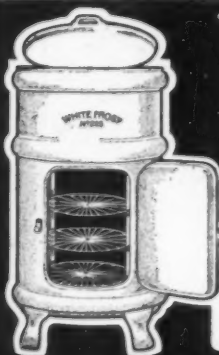
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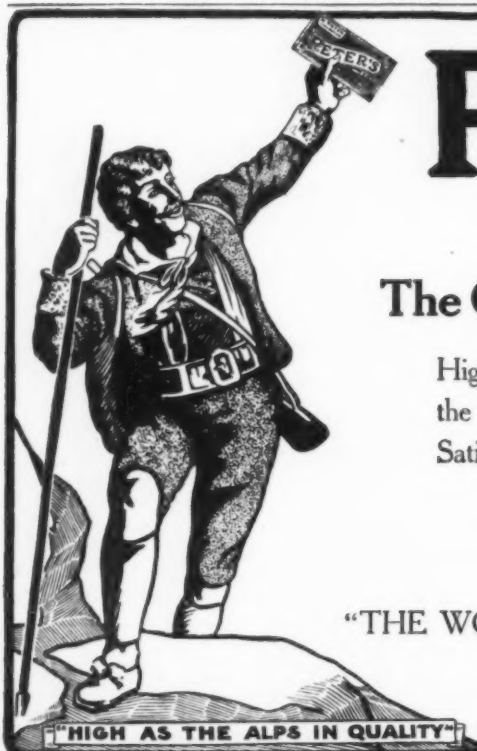
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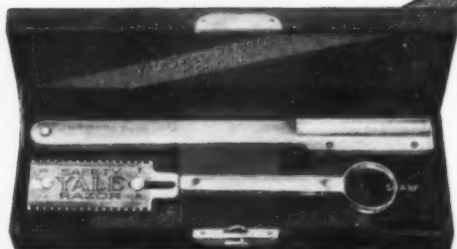
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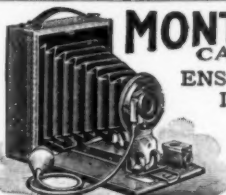
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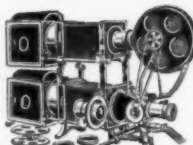
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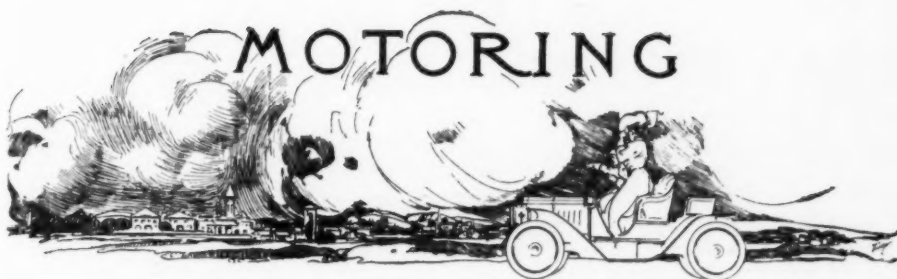
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The Mechanical Branch of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers has had presented to it two important reports relating to the value of alcohol as a fuel for automobiles. One was by Professor Charles Edward Lucke of Columbia University, who recently completed some exhaustive tests for the United States government; the other by E. R. Hewitt, who has been experimenting with the use of alcohol in commercial traction-machines. Neither one, however, is ready to concede definite results.

Professor Lucke has been making a comparison between the value of alcohol used as fuel in stationary motors and in those built for road-locomotion. He first discovered that satisfactory results could be obtained from one motor, while with another the results would be diametrically opposite. Eight motors were used in his experiments: a 15-h.p., 2-cylinder, vertical, 4-cycle stationary gas-engine; a 6-h.p., horizontal, 4-cycle gas-engine; a 6-h.p., vertical, 4-cycle gas-engine; a 6-h.p., horizontal, 2-cycle kerosene engine; two 40-h.p., 4-cylinder, automobile gas-engines, and a 2-cycle marine-engine.

The tests on the two 40-h.p., 4-cycle automobile-motors were of the greatest interest, as the results obtained bear directly on motoring. Professor Lucke, in giving the results of these cases said:

The chief difficulty experienced in attempting to run this engine on alcohol was that the trouble apparently was in the carbureter, which was unable to supply fuel except at high speeds. Examination proved that, since the engine operated satisfactorily only at high speeds, there was probably insufficient vacuum in the chamber to send enough alcohol through the spray-orifice. To remedy this, the supply of air was cut down and the vacuum and suction on the spray-orifice further increased, after which it was found that the engine could pick up quickly and carry the load even at low

speeds. When there was insufficient alcohol, or when the mixture was not correct, it was noted that only three cylinders of the four were exploded; when the mixture was improved, all four cylinders would explode.

The tabulated results of this experiment show that with gasoline, with the motor running at 680 revolutions per minute, the brake-h.p. developed was 26.3; with gasoline and with the motor running at 780 revolutions per minute, the brake-h.p. developed 29.2, while with alcohol 27.7-h.p. could be had at 680 revolutions per minute, and with the same fuel 27.3 brake-h.p. could be had with the motor running at 780 revolutions per minute.

The results of the test with the second 40-h.p. automobile gas-motor showed as satisfactory operation of the engine, and as high a power was obtained when the engine was running on alcohol as when it was used with gasoline. When alcohol was used, but a small proportion of the liquid was vaporized in the carbureter, the remainder of the fuel supply being carried along with the air as a liquid spray, which was shown by the low temperature of the fuel-mixture after leaving the carbureter, and also that at low loads, not all the cylinders could get an explosive mixture. With gasoline-fuel, the consumption per brake-h.p. did not appear to vary so much with the load as it did when the alcohol was used.

The conclusions drawn by Professor Lucke, as the result of his investigation, show that in gasoline-engines, an ordinary type can be run on alcohol fuel without any material change in construction of the engine. The difficulties likely to be encountered are in starting and in supplying a sufficient quantity of fuel, the quantity of which must be considerably greater than the quantity of alcohol required. When an engine is run on alcohol, its operation is more noiseless than when run on gasoline. Its maximum power is usually higher than it is on gasoline, and there is no danger of injurious hammering, such as may occur with gasoline. The consumption per pound per brake-h.p., whether the fuel is gasoline or alcohol, depends chiefly upon the

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horse-power on which the engine is being run and in the set-up of the fuel-supply valve. Investigation also showed that the fuel-consumption was affected, at the time of ignition, by the speed and by the compression of the fuel charge.

Professor Lucke, however, was not of the opinion that the time was opportune for the universal adoption of alcohol, as the use of this fuel required a much finer adjustment in carburetion and ignition than gasoline, and that owing to the great number of inexperienced owners and drivers, the advantages gained by the use of alcohol and the high-compression would be counterbalanced by the trouble caused by improper adjustment.

E. R. Hewitt, who has been experimenting with alcohol for commercial purposes, pointed out some interesting facts. He has, for the past month, been running a heavily loaded five-ton commercial vehicle through the streets of the city, alternating gasoline and alcohol as fuel.

Mr. Hewitt adapted the ordinary engine to the use of alcohol. This same engine, with gasoline as a fuel, was able to cover four and one-half miles per gallon; by using the same engine without raising the compression, only two miles per gallon could be obtained with alcohol

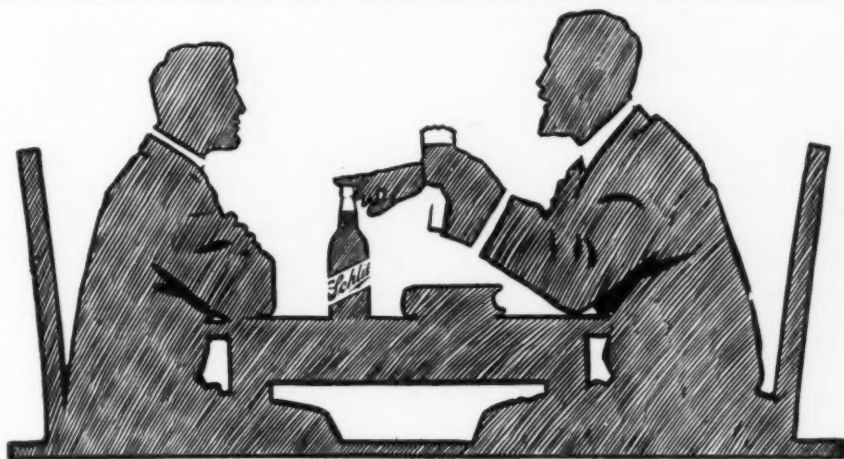
as a fuel, but upon raising the compression from 75 pounds to 120 pounds, he was able to get over five miles to the gallon of alcohol, which was over a half mile more than with the same quantity of gasoline. In order to do this, he pointed out that it was necessary to place the carbureter as near the engine as possible, in order that the gas would be sent into the cylinders at a temperature not less than 72 degrees. In cold weather it was impossible to do this, but he overcame the loss in vaporization by surrounding the in-take pipes with the water-jackets, which kept an even temperature for the vapor until discharged into the cylinder.

The results of Mr. Hewitt's experiments were practically the same as those of Professor Lucke, it being the opinion that the consumption of alcohol with a very high compression engine was less than that of gasoline, but that the many difficulties which were bound to arise would be more annoying on account of the very minute adjustment necessary, and that until a simpler device for injecting the alcohol into the cylinders was invented, there was no economy in alcohol, even though a car would run farther per gallon on this fuel than gasoline.



The heavily laden Moto-Bloc—one of the entries of the New York-Paris Race. The car was shipped by rail from Cairo to San Francisco, thereby forfeiting its right as a contestant in the race. Note the very little clearance in this car, which is one of the faults of foreign entries.

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The American people already have cause to felicitate themselves on their standing in the race. The *Thomas*, the only American car entered, is pitted against some of the best machines of foreign make and while the performance of each one has been highly creditable, yet the American entrant has so clearly demonstrated its strength, stand-up quality, and reliability on home-roads, that it is conceded to be a better machine for use in this country than any made abroad. From the time it left New York until it arrived in San Francisco, it has set the pace, and when it reached the Pacific Coast it had a lead of 1,216 miles. Its performance is a credit to the American motor-car industry, and should, for all time, set at rest even the suggestion that American factories do not turn out more dependable and better built cars for

American roads than the foreign product. One car fell by the way-side before reaching Buffalo; another gave up between Chicago and Ogden and was shipped by freight to San Francisco; a third had to be overhauled in a railroad machine-shop.

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The importance of the event has now been recognized by the government. Secretary of War Taft has given the American driver the following letter to be handed to the French Minister of War:

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The military protection of the course was a feature of the Savannah Race. This is the first time the military has been used for automobile-races in this country.

ORMOND AND SAVANNAH RACES

Some speed and other records were broken at the Ormond and Savannah race-meets. Cedrino achieved a wonderful run with his 60-h.p. *Fiat* in the 300-mile event. The distance was covered in 3:53:44, an average of 77.02 miles per hour, thus breaking the former record of 70.08 per hour held by Nazzaro in the Grand Prix. Cedrino also lowered the 250-mile record to 3:16:48 2/6.

Other records for Ormond were established. The 125- and the 150-mile events were both taken by Bergdoll in a 60-h.p. *Benz* stock-car. The first race of the meet, a 100-mile run for the Minneapolis Cup, was captured by Cedrino in his *Fiat*. In the 150-mile stock-car race, the four starters were: 60-h.p. *Benz*; 40-h.p. *Cleveland*; 70-h.p. *Thomas*; 40-h.p. *Allan-Kingston*. The *Benz* won; time, 2:40:50. Three starters faced the tape in the 125-mile run for amateurs: S. B. Stevens was at the wheel of the *Fiat*, R. G. Kelsey took W. Gould Brokaw's *Christie*, and Louis Bergdoll the *Benz*. Bergdoll won; time, 1:53:30 2/3.

Although interest in the Ormond meet was not so keen as in former years, the showing proved conclusively that the ordinary stock-car is, each year, approaching, in construction, the racing-car.

The Savannah races the following week attracted much more attention.

From this it would seem that the automobile enthusiasts of the South hope to capture the Vanderbilt race in the Fall.

The first event, 180 miles for stock-runabouts, had only three starters: A 30-h.p. *Apperson*, with Lyttle up; a *Pennsylvania*, and a 40-h.p. *Thomas-Detroit*. An accident put the *Pennsylvania* out of the running on the first lap, and the event was won by Lyttle in 3:25:31. The second event, 180 miles, was a duel between the *Thomas* 6-cylinder and the *Stearns* 6-cylinder. The *Stearns* was in strong favor in the beginning, but the *Thomas* got away ahead and kept the lead. On the fourth lap an accident to the *Stearns* car left the *Thomas* alone on the course and naturally it won. Time: 3:2:25, a record for stock-runabouts.

The big event—342 miles—was held the second day of the meet. The eight machines and drivers that contested were: *Issotta Fraschini*, 50-h.p., Louis Strang; *Apperson*, 50-h.p., Herbert Lyttle; *Acme*, 50-h.p., Newstetter; *Lozier*, 45-h.p., Harry Michener; *Issotta Fraschini*, 50-h.p., Al. Poole; *Stearns*, 30-h.p., Leland; *Apperson*, 50-h.p., McCulla; *American*, 30-h.p., Tone. The race proved the most exciting of any event this year. After being pushed hard by Herbert Lyttle in the *Apperson*, who came in second, Strang won the race in the *Issotta Fraschini*. Time, 6:21:30.



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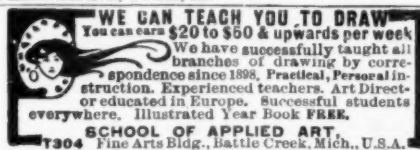
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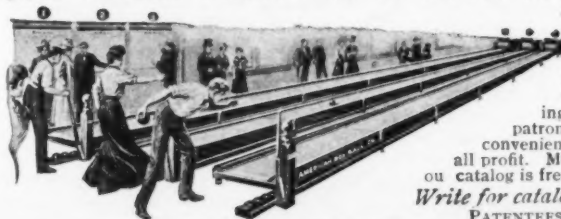
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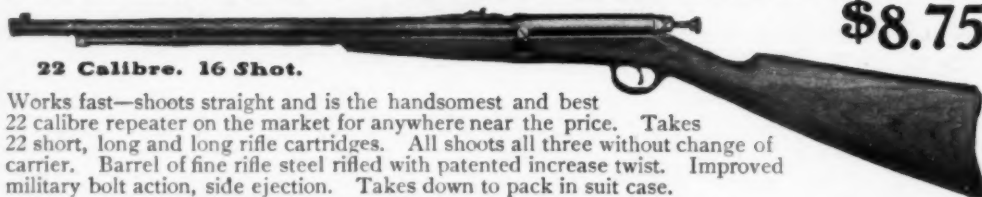
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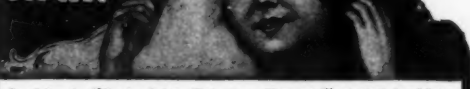
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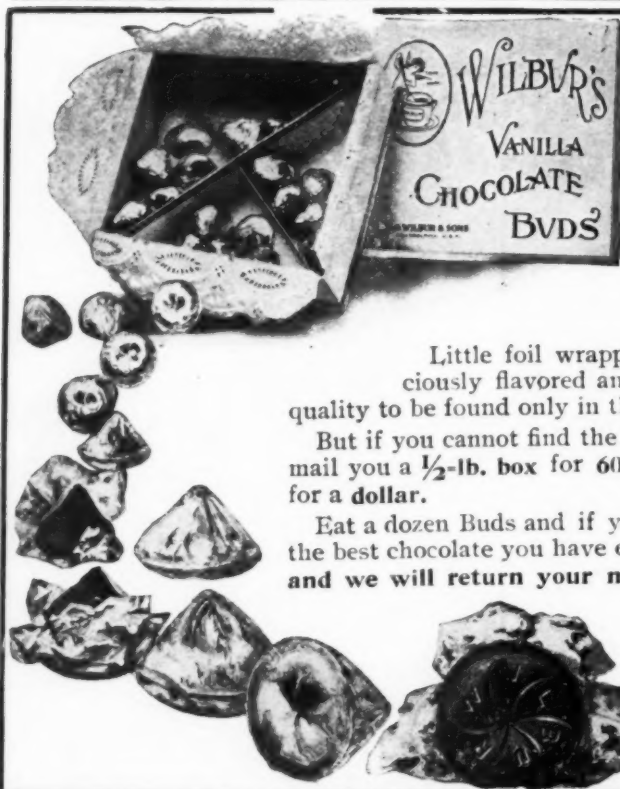
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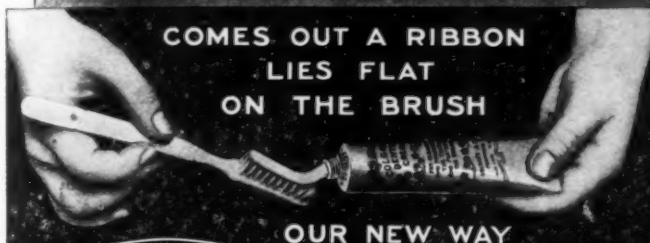
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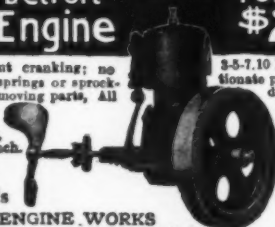
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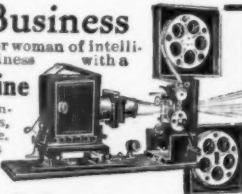
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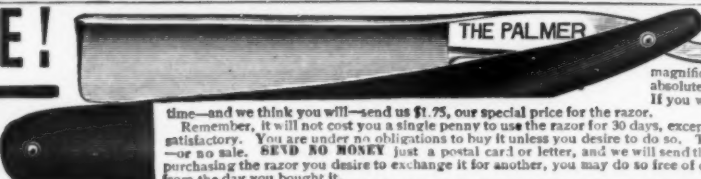


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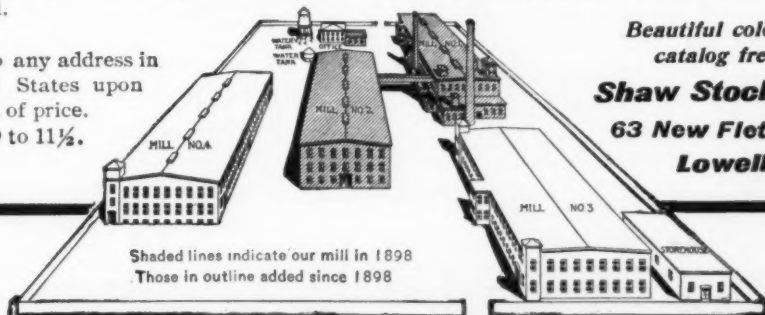
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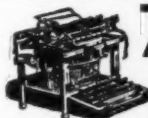
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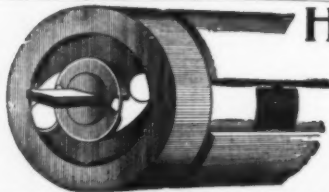
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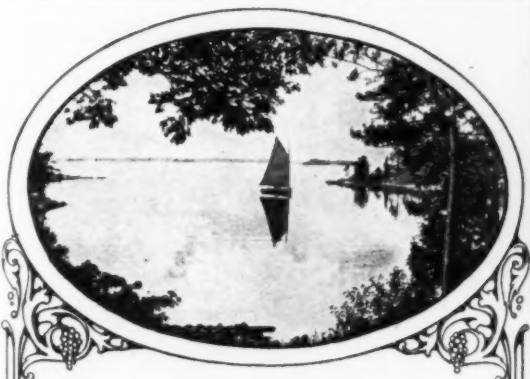
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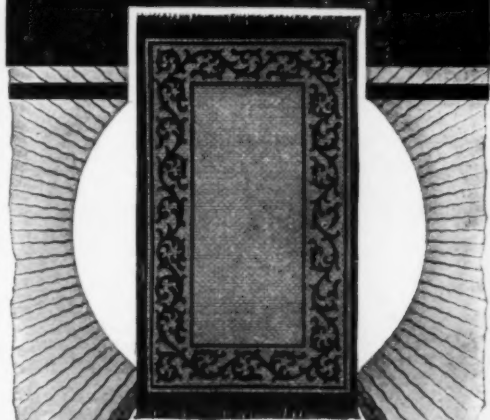
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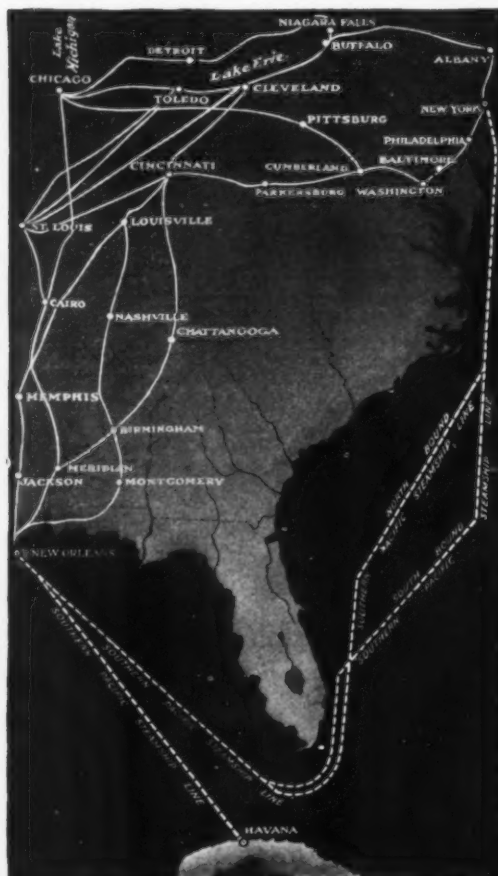
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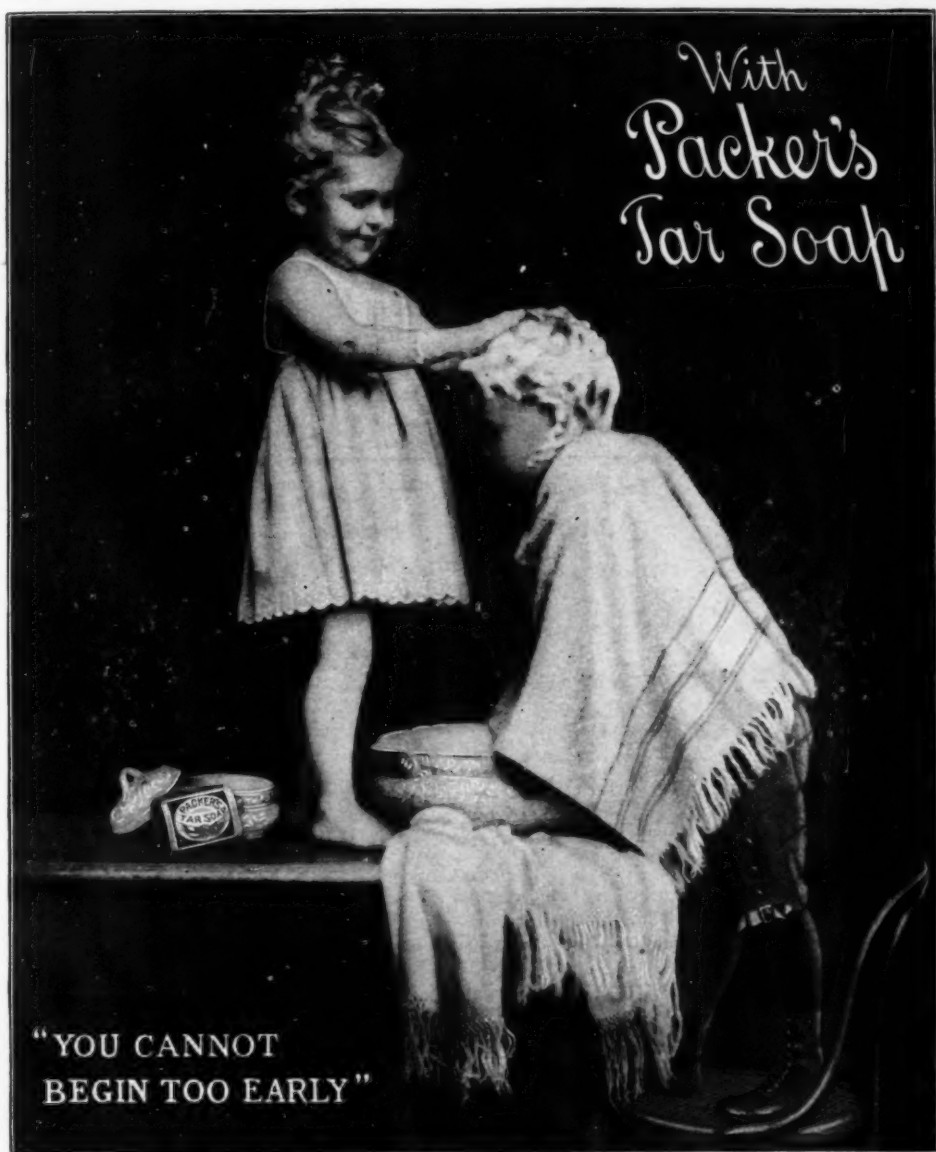
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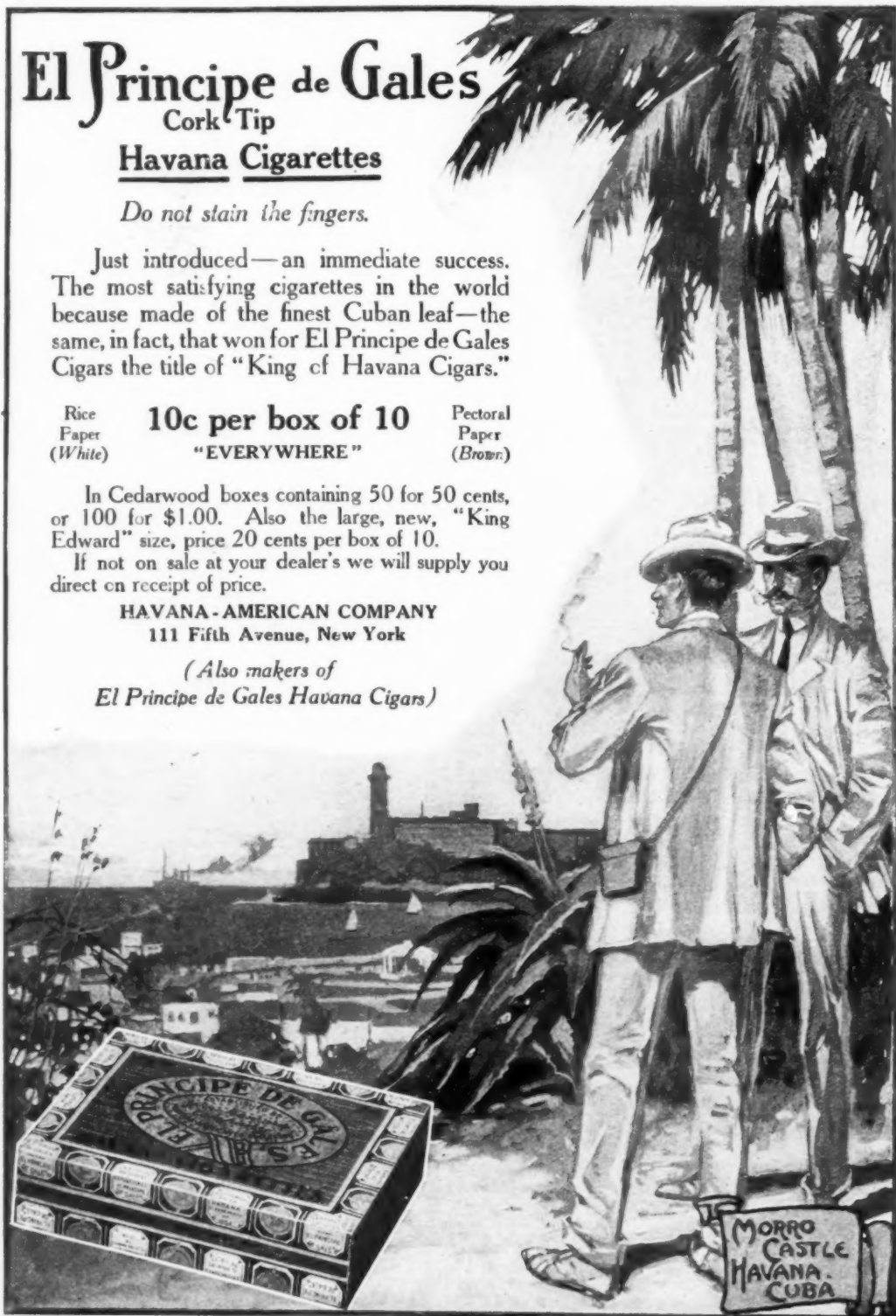
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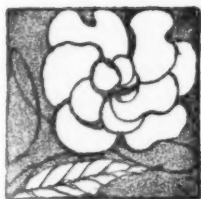
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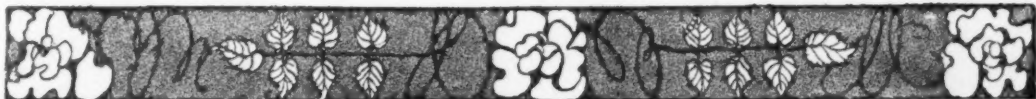
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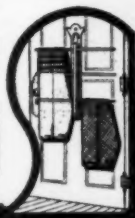
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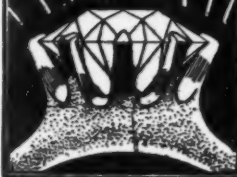
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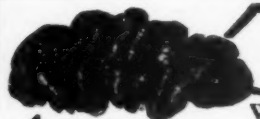
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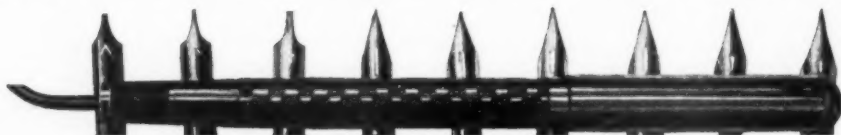
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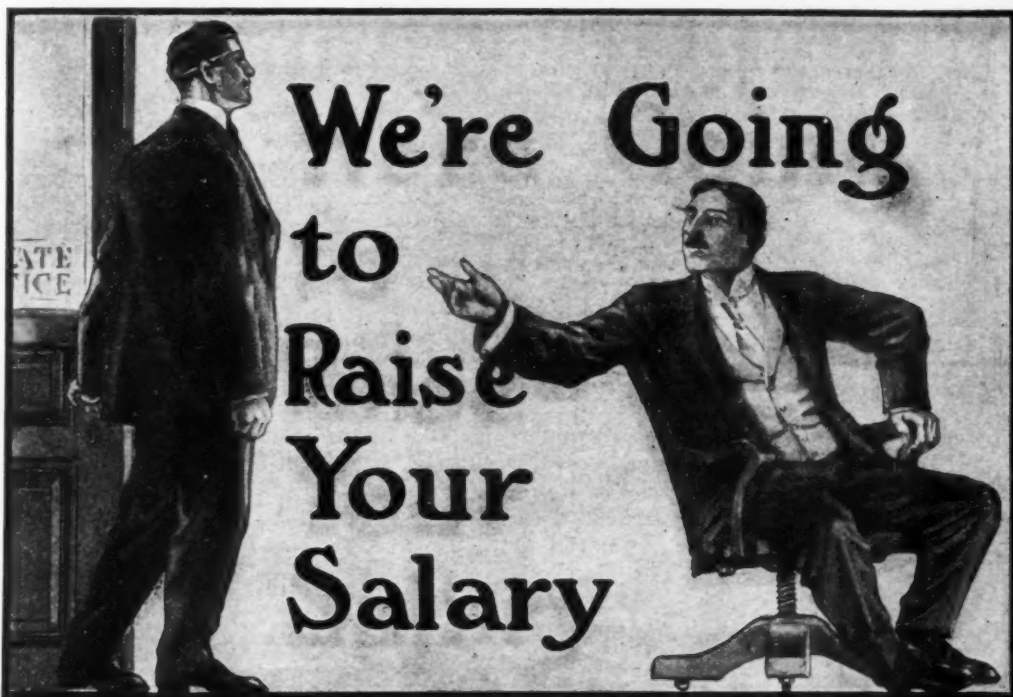
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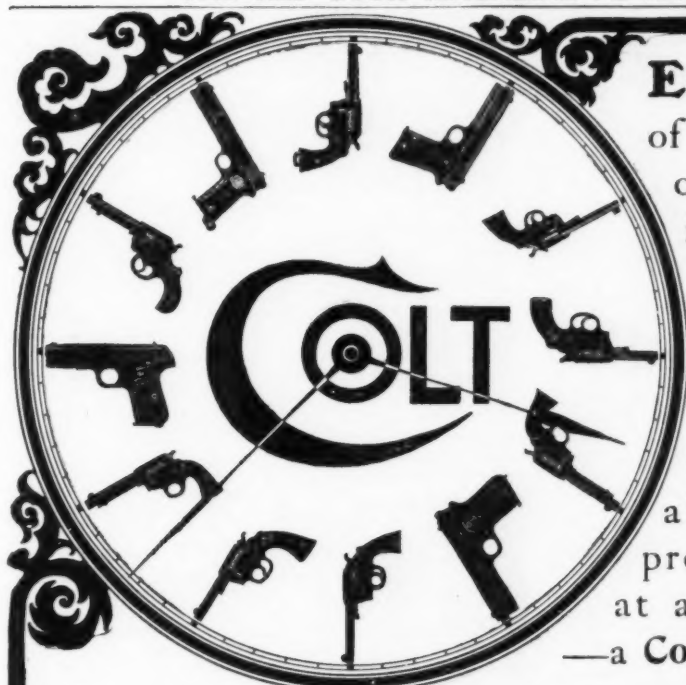
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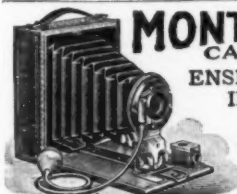
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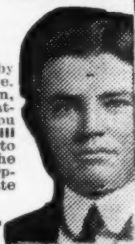
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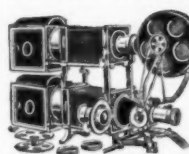
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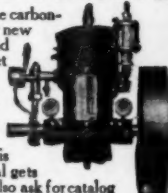
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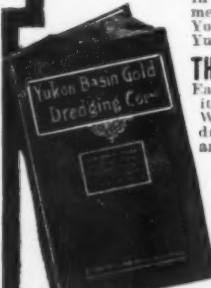
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Strang in *Isotta* car, the winner of Briarcliff race. Picture shows bad turn near Vallahalla

THE BRIARCLIFF RACE

WHEN the line-up for the Briarcliff trophy was announced — a road-race for stock-cars — there was shown the largest entry-list of any automobile race ever held in this country. The foreign and American entries were evenly divided, there being eleven of each.

The course selected in Westchester County, New York, was exceedingly dangerous, there being very few straight-aways, the road twisting and turning in serpentine fashion around hills, over rivers, and across bridges. The circuit of 32½ miles with a 2½ mile control was considered by those who profess to know, to be the most dangerous course ever selected for road-racing. Drivers like Cedrino and Satori, who have driven in nearly all the European events, claim that in no one of them had the chances of mishap been so great.

It was also the greatest race ever held from a spectacular standpoint, and from the time that the starter's pistol announced the first car off until the third car had finished, the excitement was indescribable. The

first car away was the 40-h.p. *Bianchi* driven by Satori, with Cedrino's 60-h.p. *Fiat* second, and Herbert Lytle's 50-h.p. *Apperson*, third; Louis Strang, in a 50-h.p. *Isotta*, fourth, was followed by Leland in a 30-h.p. *Stearns*; Parker, 60-h.p. *Fiat*; Michiner, 45-h.p. *Lozier*; Vaughan, 30-h.p. *Stearns*; Mulford, 45-h.p. *Lozier*; Murphy, 35-h.p. *Maja*; Poole, 50-h.p. *Isotta*; Roberts, 60-h.p. *Thomas*; Oldfield, 30-h.p. *Stearns*; Bernin, 35-h.p. *Renault*; Robertson, 50-h.p. *Panhard*; Hilliard, 40-h.p. *Hol-Tan*; Campbell, 40-h.p. *Allen-Kingston*; Bloch, 35-h.p. *Renault*; Harding, 50-h.p. *Isotta*; Bergdoll, 60-h.p. *Benz*; Seymour, 50-h.p. *Simplex*; Watson, 50-h.p. *Simplex*.

Cedrino, whose driving here and abroad has attracted the motoring-public, was by long odds the favorite, with Lytle, Strang, and Vaughan close seconds. From the very start of the race, however, it was seen that Strang in the *Isotta* was going to make every effort to capture the trophy. Although he started fourth, or four minutes behind the first car, he finished the first lap several sec-



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onds ahead of any other, and he maintained this position until the end of the race. Cedrino, who was evidently driving to a schedule, realized too late that his average speed had not been fast enough, for when he discovered, at the end of the fifth lap, that he was only one of three in close competition for the second place, he began his daring and spectacular driving, doing the course in the fastest time of the day—36 minutes and 48 seconds—which, considering the great number of turns and the almost insurmountable hills, was a remarkable rate of speed. But this speed came too late, and he finished seven minutes behind the winner and seven minutes ahead of the third man. Strang's last lap's time was 5:14:13 $\frac{1}{5}$; Cedrino, 5:21:5 $\frac{3}{5}$; Vaughan, 5:28:29 $\frac{2}{5}$; Lytle, 5:39:15 $\frac{2}{5}$; Satori, 5:53:45 $\frac{3}{5}$.

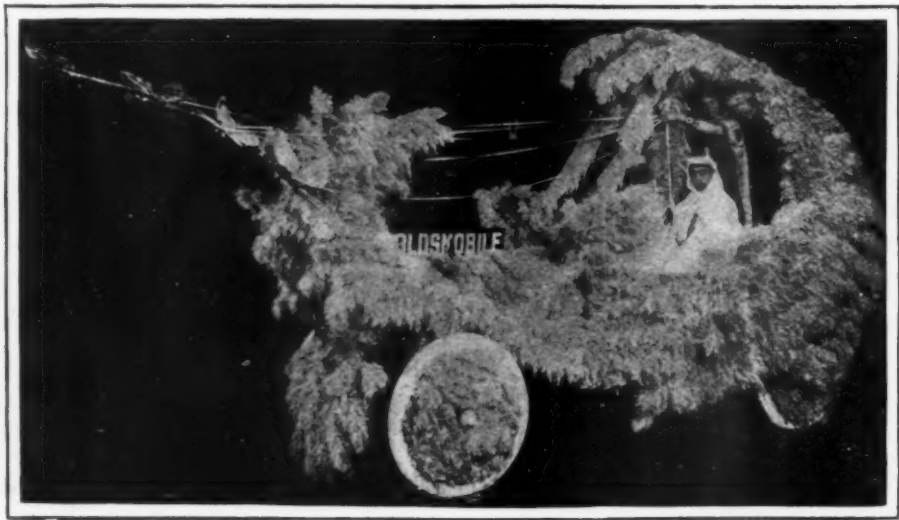
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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUTOMOBILE

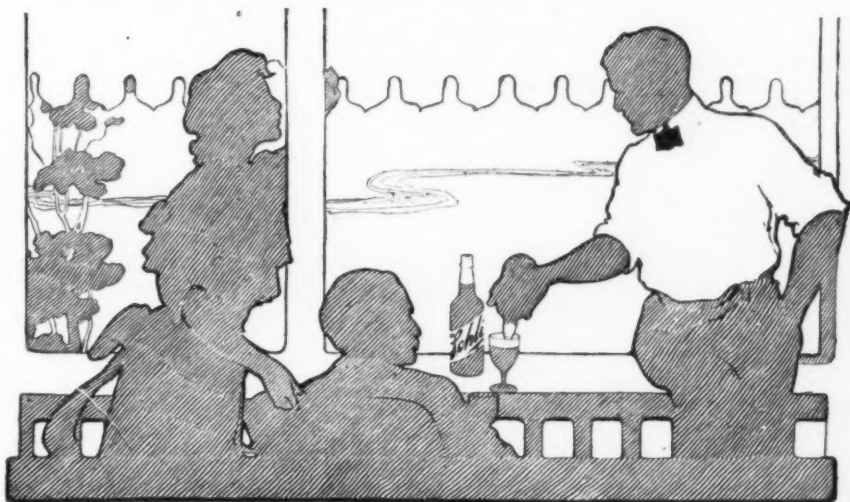
THE tenth anniversary of the practical use of the automobile was celebrated in many parts of the country. Chicago and New York both held carnivals in commemoration of the event. The festival held in New York was of particular interest, for many of those now interested in the industry saw the car which in 1898 made a trip up Broadway to Grant's Tomb and returned, considered a remarkable feat at that time.

The week opened up with a gorgeous parade of nearly two thousand cars, divided into four divisions. The first division consisted of old types built prior to 1903 and which are still operative; the second of 1908 models entered by dealers and owners. The third was the decorated division, and the fourth the commercial section. Nearly two hundred thousand people witnessed the parade, which, from an industrial standpoint was a triumph to the energies and ingenuity of the inventive and engineering mind.

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Scene from the Briarcliff race showing *Bianchi* car rounding one of the bad turns

er which did the climb in $32 \frac{1}{5}$ seconds. One of the best records for gasoline cars was that made by Edgar Apperson driving a 62-horsepower *Apperson* negotiating the hill in 36 seconds, which was followed closely by Cedrino driving the *Fiat* in 37 seconds and Robertson in a 50-horsepower *Stevens-Duryea* in but the fraction of three-fifths of a second more ($37 \frac{3}{5}$ seconds).

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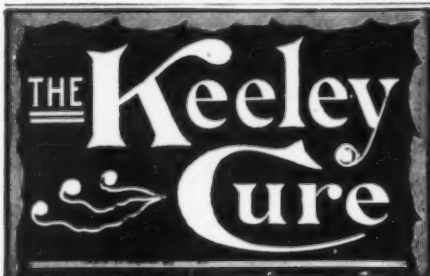
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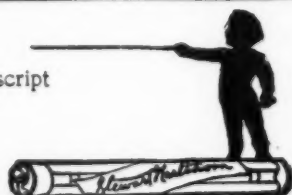
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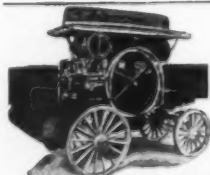


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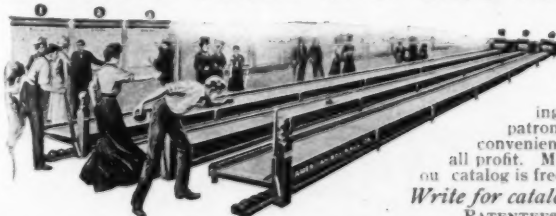
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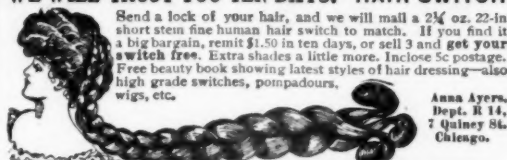
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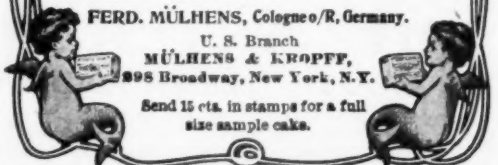
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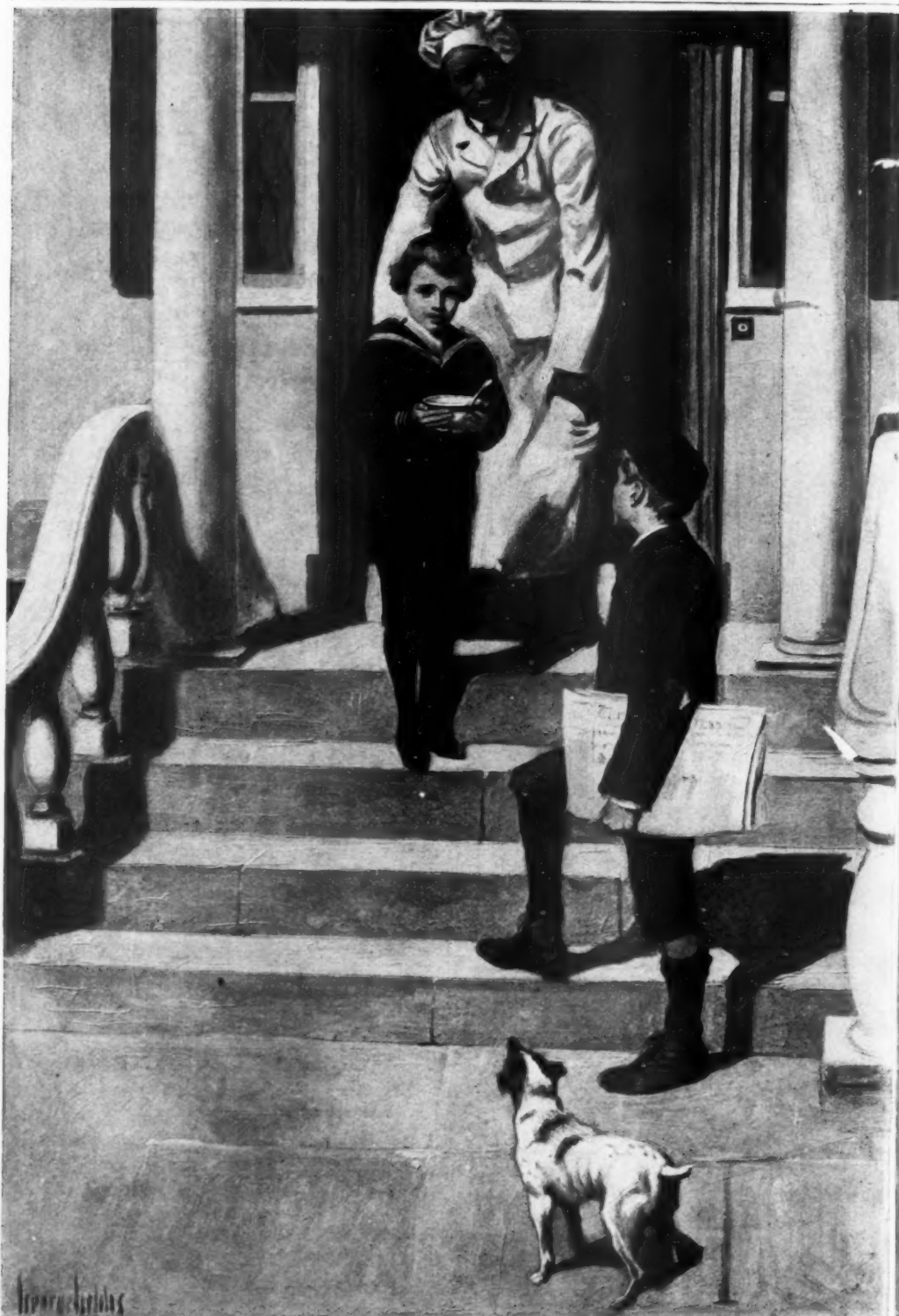
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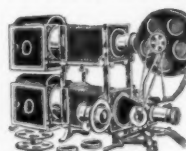
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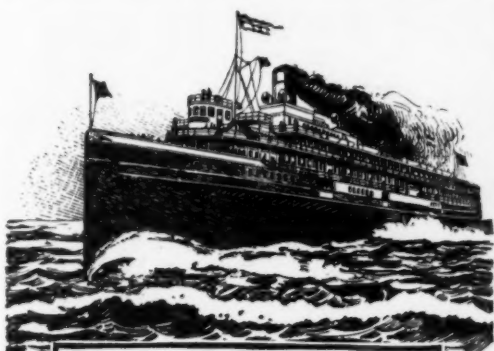
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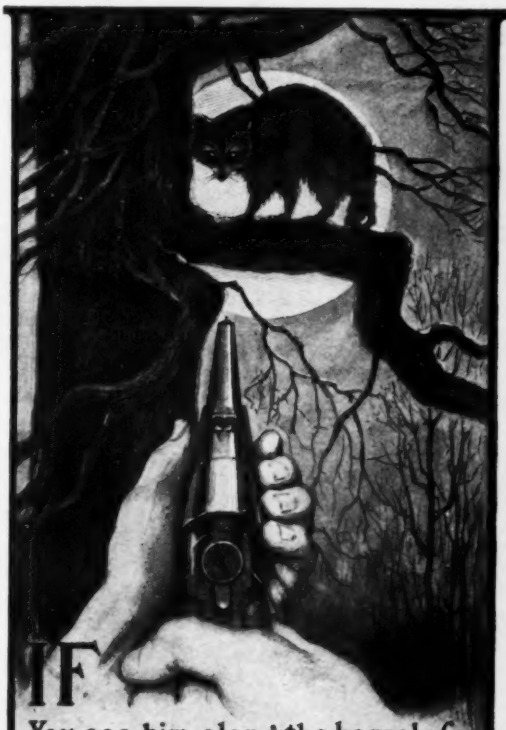
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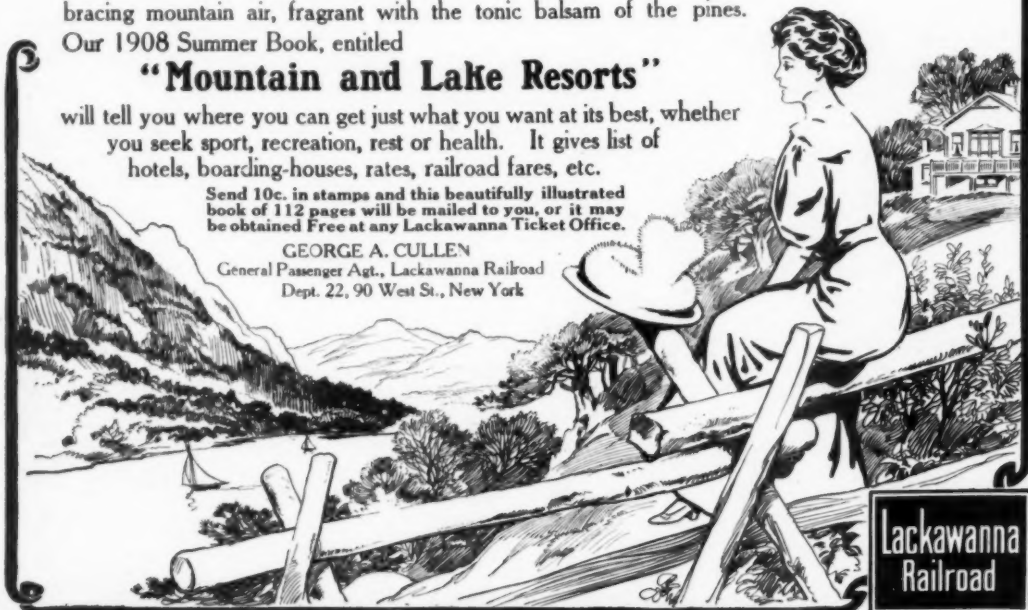
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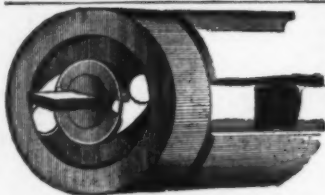
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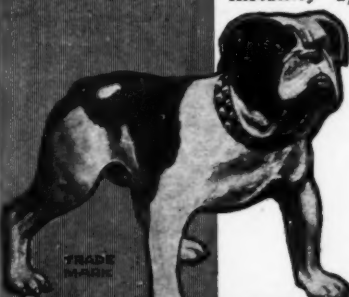
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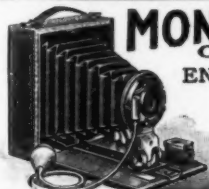
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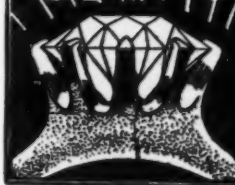
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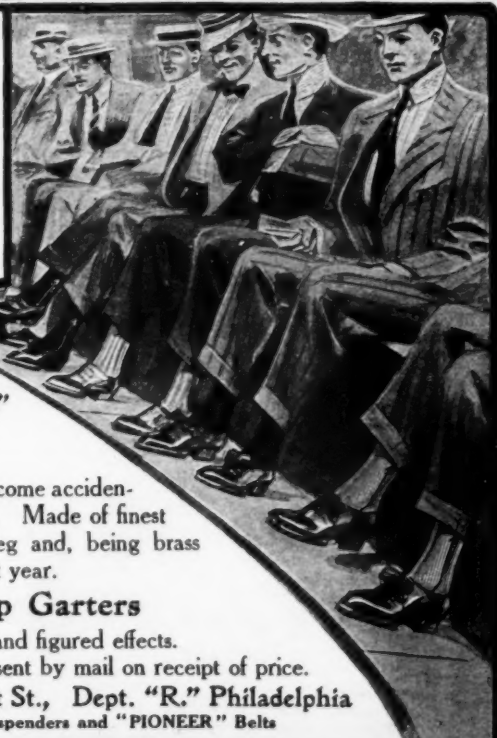
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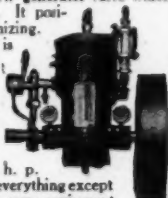
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The first event was won by a *Ford* in 2:19 3/5.

In the race for cars of \$3,000 or less, a 45-h.p. *Stoddard-Dayton* won in 2:14 2/5, a 40-h.p. *Thomas-Detroit* being second in 2:18.

The eighth event, for six-cylinder stock gasoline-cars, was won by a *Stevens-Duryea* in 1:52, a *Great-Chadwick* six-cylinder stock-car in 1:59 3/5 being second.

The "Free for all" proved the most interesting, many records being broken. Wm. Houpt in a six-cylinder *Chadwick* negotiated the difficult course in 1:41 2/5; a *Stevens-Duryea*, driven by P. J. Robinson, in 1:49 being second.

A race for Briarcliff type stock chassis-cars, was won by a 35-h.p. *Corbin* in 2:02 2/5.

In a special event run against time, a six-cylinder *Chadwick* made a record of 1:28 1/5.

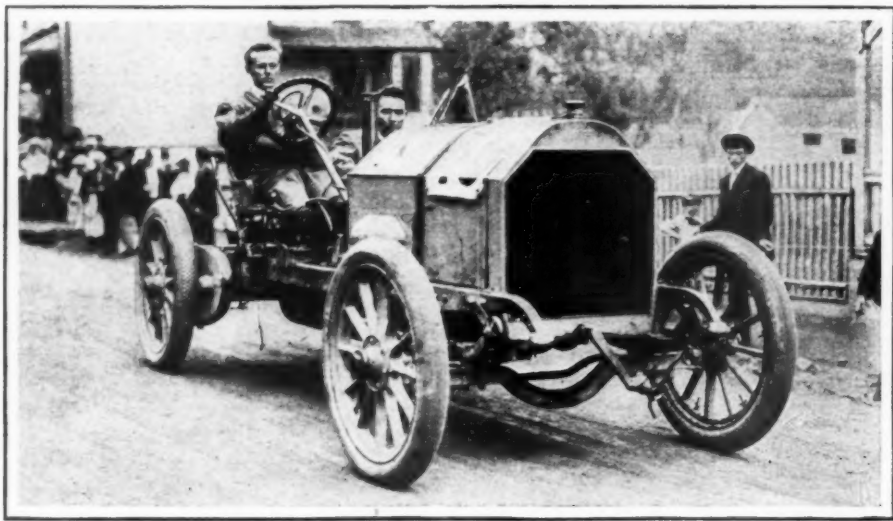
The track-races at Baltimore proved uneventful, as the sad death of Emanuel Cedrino, the famous Italian driver, the day before, caused the withdrawal of several cars out of respect to him.

In Denver the 320 mile endurance-run was won in 8:32 by a *Thomas-Detroit*, driven by E. Mathewson, who participated in the New York-Paris race.

Al. Poole, who has been Joe Tracey's mechanic in all the Vanderbilt races, driving an *Issotta Fraschini*, won the hill climb at Sport Hill, Bridgeport, Conn., in 1:17, breaking the previous record of 1:24 2/5 made by Tracey in a *Locomobile*.



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The number of women-motorists is growing rapidly. With increasing simplicity of construction and the standardization of cars, it will not be long before it will be a common sight to see women propelling not only low but high-powered cars. That it is possible for women drivers to successfully compete with men, was shown in the last Glidden

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THERMO-SYPHON SYSTEM OF COOLING

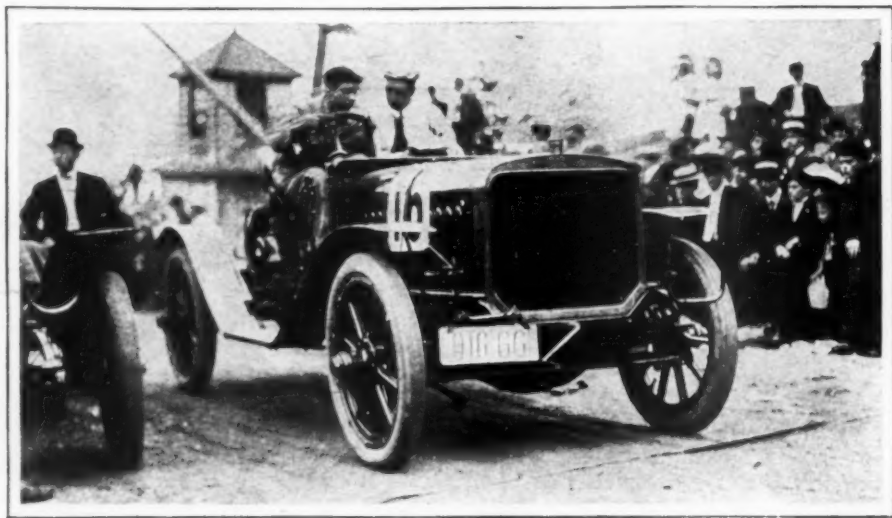
THERE are two methods commonly followed for keeping the motor cool—the air-cooled and the water-cooled processes. Nearly ninety per cent. of American cars are cooled by water. There are two systems used by the water-cooled advocates, the thermo-syphon and the centrifugal pump plans. Because of its simplicity and the elimination of the troubles common to pumps, or their gearing, the thermo-syphon system, although now used in a minority of engines, seems to be the simplest device.

The principle of this thermo-system is that water, when heated expands and hence is of lesser specific gravity than when cold. In gas-engine practice, the water heated in the jackets ascends, and

escaping from the top of the cylinder, returns to the radiator where it is cooled. The hot water continually flows to the top of the radiator, just as in a house-heating system the hot water goes to the top story and then as it gives out its heat descends gradually through the pipes to the furnace where it is again heated and the operation is repeated.

In the case of an automobile the engine-cylinders constitute the furnace and the jackets the boiler in which the water is heated. Artificial means for extracting the heat from the pipes (*i.e.* the radiators) are necessary, and a fan performs this service. As the water cools it descends to the lower part of the radiator, from whence it again proceeds through a large hose-connection to the cylinder jackets to be reheated.

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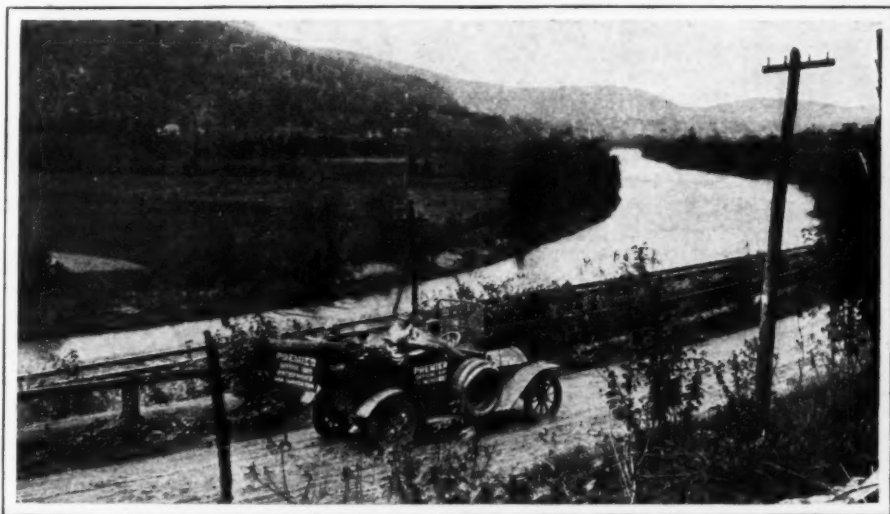
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Aside from its manifest simplicity the chief claims made by the advocates of thermo-syphon cooling are:

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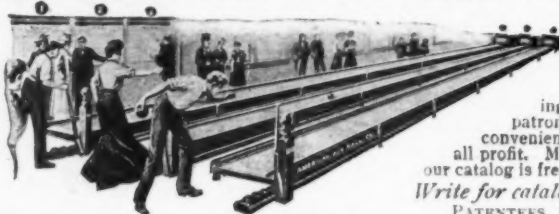
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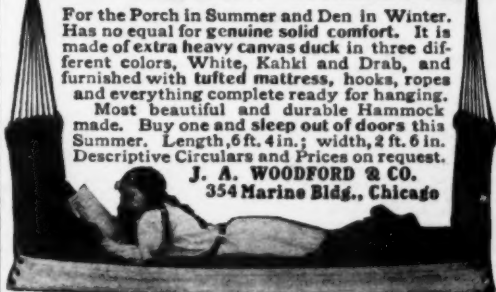
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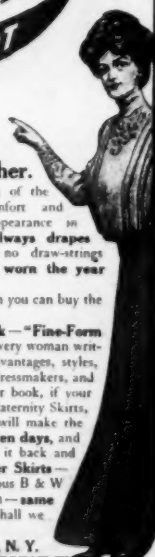
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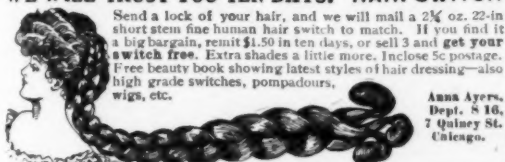
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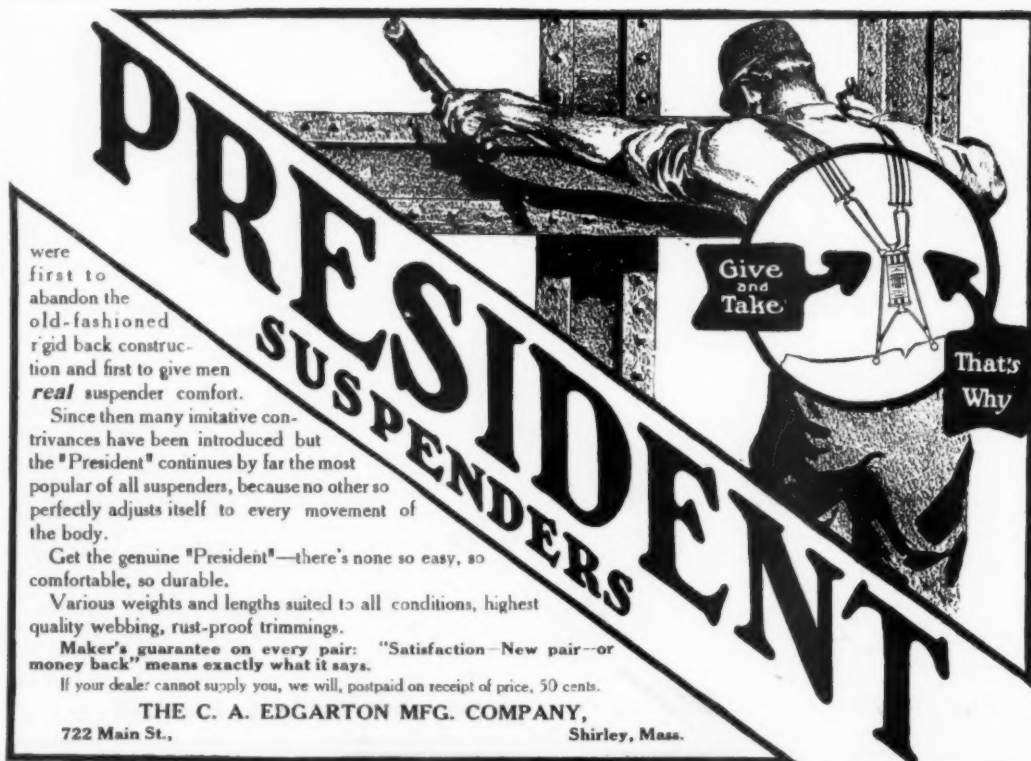
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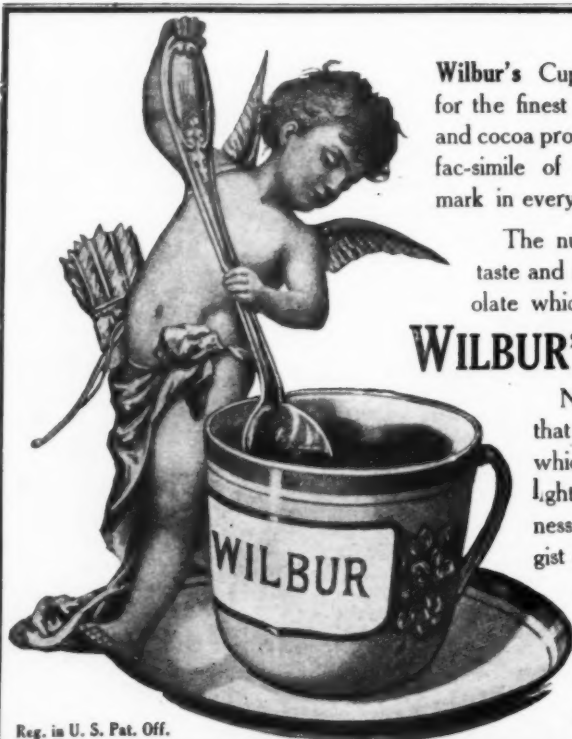
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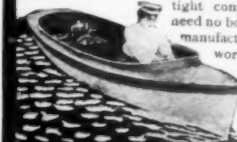
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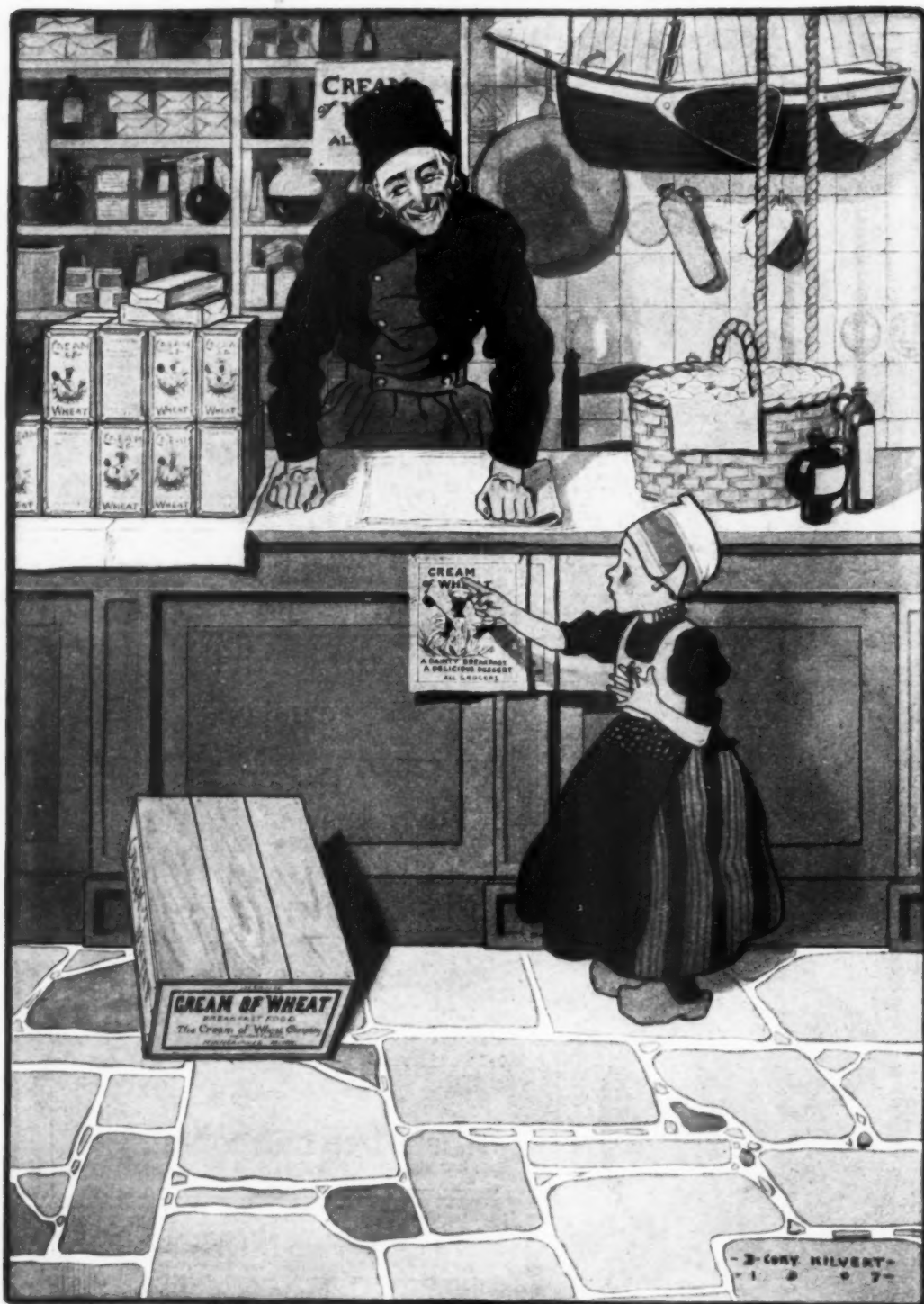
Our booklet "The Value of Systematic Shampooing" gives much practical information on the proper care of the hair.

Sent free on request.

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At Rector's, the noted Chicago restaurant, when some of the grand-opera stars sang, with piano accompaniment, the diners listened with rapt attention and craned their necks to get a glimpse of the singers. But it was a *Victor*.

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Even in the *Victor* laboratory, employes often imagine they are listening to a singer making a record while they really hear the *Victor*.

Why not hear the *Victor* for yourself? Any *Victor* dealer will gladly play any *Victor Records* you want to hear.

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Victor

To preserve your Victor Records and get best results, use only Victor Needles

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We Pay One Ad-Writer \$1,000 Per Week

Mr. Claude C. Hopkins is now permanently at the head of our copy department. His salary is \$1,000 per week.

No fact, perhaps, can better show how far we go to bring results to our clients.

Mr. Hopkins commands the highest salary ever paid in advertising, because he brings the best results.

He has made more money for advertisers, in more different lines, than any other man has done.

For twenty years, scores of the greatest successes have been due to his copy and schemes.

His supremacy as a salesman in print, is today undisputed.

Now all of the copy which we prepare for our clients is under his supervision.

This copy department is the expensive part of our business.

We spend on it what other great agencies spend on soliciting.

It is filled with able men—men with remarkable records.

Men whom we have picked out, in the course of years, by the brilliant results we have seen them accomplish.

And we want more of them.

No concern will pay more for men of proved ability—men whose records show exceptional results.

Yet this department is not an expense—neither to us nor our clients.

We handle advertising on the usual agent's commission.

And that commission is paid to us

largely by the newspapers and magazines—not by the advertiser.

With many small accounts, with great possibilities, we spend ten times our commission in proving them out.

Our profit comes through making the advertising so profitable that it expands.

Thus our costly copy department more than pays its way.

It multiplies advertising by making it profitable. It develops the small advertiser into the large one.

It is cheaper for us to multiply one account an hundred times over than to solicit an hundred new ones.

It is better, too, for our clients.

Our Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board consists of sixteen men, all masters of advertising.

Mr. Hopkins is at the head of it.

Before this Board comes every important problem submitted to us by present or possible clients.

Here we decide what is possible and what is impossible, and advise those who consult us accordingly.

That service is free to all.

And here these sixteen men—all able, all with vast experience—plan our campaigns in conference.

Selling plans, mediums, methods and copy are submitted to full discussion.

In advertising, experience counts for more than ability.

No man, dealing with one line, can grasp the fringe of advertising possibilities.

These sixteen men live in a vortex of advertising.

We handle more advertising, of more different kinds, than any concern in the world.

We conduct more test campaigns, try more schemes, learn more experiences than ever existed in advertising outside of this agency.

And the results are all tabulated.

Thus we know what pays. Thus we avoid mistakes. Thus we bring to each new problem the results of all our experience.

Let Us Prove Our Powers

We seek opportunities rather than appropriations.

We seek the new advertiser with the suitable article which he wants to prove out. An article with possibilities.

We shall not ask you what you expect to spend.

Our plan will be to take up a few mediums, or a few towns, and let the results decide your expenditure.

If we can show you that \$1,000 spent brings back \$2,000, you will naturally spend all the thousands you can.

Then advertising ceases to be speculation.

There are thousands of new lines which ought to be advertised. We ask a chance to discuss them.

We also seek old advertisers who are already successful.

Advertisers who wish to measure the full of their possibilities.

Advertisers who realize what it may mean to bring a new view-point to bear on their problems.

We take up such advertising, when desired, without disturbing present relations.

Let us have a few towns, or a few mediums, while you continue your present work in the balance.

Then let the results in our field decide who gets the advertising.

Such a proposition should be irresistible to the wise business man.

Even though we fail, our brilliant men will give you some new ideas.

If we succeed, we may open up for you—as we have for hundreds—boundless possibilities.

We do succeed, almost invariably, because we don't undertake the impossible.

Your risk is almost nothing.

Please cut out this coupon—now while you think of it. Send it to get our book "Safe Advertising"—a brilliant example of our advertising powers.

Then form your own judgment of what we can do.

A Reminder

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To send to Lord & Thomas, Chicago, for their book, "Safe Advertising."

Please state name, address and business. Also the position that inquirer holds in the business.

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NO way of amusing people is so sure of results as by means of an Edison Phonograph. Start one anywhere and everybody gathers around it. It is easy to entertain with an Edison. It will amuse any kind of a gathering.

The EDISON PHONOGRAPH

places music, formerly available only to the few, within reach of the many. No ear is too critical and no pocketbook too limited to enjoy the entertainment it affords.

There's Lots of Good Fun in the August Records

But the twenty-four new Records for August are not made up entirely of comic songs and the wit of clever comedians. There are good sentimental ballads, well-rendered band and orchestra selections, instrumental solos, and some sacred selections—the best of the new music and the best of the old. On July



25th they will be on sale at all Edison stores. Your dealer will be glad to play for you any Records that you want to hear.

Ask your dealer or write to us for the new catalogue of Edison Phonographs, *THE PHONOGRAM*, describing each Record in detail; the *SUPPLEMENTAL CATALOGUE*, listing the new August Records, and the *COMPLETE CATALOGUE*, listing all Edison Records now in existence. Records in all foreign languages.

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CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL

The De Luxe Magazine

A Distinct Achievement in Literature, Art and Printing

Commencing with the September issue each edition of The Red Book Magazine will be a De Luxe number. It will not be a new magazine in any sense save that it becomes bigger and better. What volumes have appeared in the past were an earnest of the "to be"—just as blossoms are promises of a nearing fruition. None of the features which have individualized The Red Book Magazine have been taken away, but new ideas will be added, in which timeliness, and the insistent strain of humanity in the Evolution, will be blent into a note of tremendous voice. These essays and articles will concern themselves with THE ETERNAL PROBLEM NOVEL—THE MASTER EPIC—"LIFE."

Each month we shall publish at least two articles of intense interest, which shall be so attuned to the pregnant impulse of the hour that the last pages of the last form will be held back until the last possible moment to secure the last word upon the topic. The themes will be handled by the men and women most qualified to know most upon the subjects, and to tell most in a manner that most people will understand. To present this series in an every-day garb of printing would be as unjust as to jewel a stone of great worth in an ugly setting. NEVER HAVE DEPARTMENTS APPEARED IN SUCH SUPERB DRESS—NOTHING SO COSTLY OR ELABORATE OR DELIGHTFUL HAS EVER BEFORE BEEN ACHIEVED IN ANY MAGAZINE AT ANY PRICE.

First of all are the remarkable articles on International Marriages "BILLIONS FOR BAD BLUE BLOOD—THE CURSE OF THE CORONET," BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.

We have been paying about one hundred million dollars annually for the privilege of mixing the best blood in America with the atrophied strains of Europe. Within the last ten years, according to Henry Clews, and a distinguished Parisian journalist, almost a billion of dollars have been removed from our country to rehabilitate the crumpled fortunes of a miscellany of barons, earls, dukes, and princes. It is surprising how much heart-ache and heart-break and humiliation can be bought for a billion.



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CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, THE GREATEST INVESTIGATOR OF HIS DAY, HAS BEEN LOOKING UP THE FIGURES. He knows Europe as well as he knows America. In the September issue of *The Red Book Magazine* he will begin this remarkable series of articles. His are not at all like the stories of the fairy-tale Princes who always "lived happily ever after," but a scarifying, merciless arraignment of life under the shadow of the quartered shield. He has looked into Chateau and Schloss and Palazzo and heard the echo of sobs—he has seen the bruise marks on the white throats—his pen has lashed the *International Marriage* with the fury of a full-swung knout. With all the color of his art he has painted the miserable spectacle of American womanhood brutalized by yoke-ship with the degenerated dregs of blood which once bred the Great Gentlemen of Europe. It is a tale of social ambition and sacrificed nativity—of wretched women with scarred lives—he has told the truth—without mercy—all of it, as no man has yet had the knowledge with which to speak or the courage to expose his information naked to the world.

IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO MR. RUSSELL'S FIRST ARTICLE THERE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE, BY JAMES HUNEKER, CERTAINLY AS COMPETENT AS ANY ESSAYIST LIVING, A REMARKABLE TREATMENT OF "AFFINITIES," UNDER THE TITLE, "THE ARTIST AND HIS WIFE."

Mr. Huneker has found his own angle of observation and the proof sheets now before us most brilliantly distinguish both himself and *The Red Book Magazine*. While Mr. Huneker is far more than a phrase-maker innumerable are the epigrams conceived by him which pass current to-day as sterling conversational coin. We venture the prophecy that a score of the distinctly Huneker aphorisms which are sprinkled through his essay will be eagerly pounced upon by the perceiving and quoted wherever *The Red Book Magazine* is read—and that is everywhere that English is spoken and English literary charm is relished. Monthly, thereafter, the pens of other famous writers will be commanded, among whom the following have already been listed: William T. Stead, John Corbin, Gertrude Atherton, George Bernard Shaw, Richard Le Gallienne, Alfred Henry Lewis, James L. Ford.

And then there is the Fiction

Literary folk are, first of all, artists. They find their greatest compensation in the distinction which they can bring to their names. Therefore, the Editors of the widest distributed maga-



SIR GILBERT PARKER



ALFRED HENRY LEWIS



JACK LONDON

zines find it easiest to secure the best stories of the foremost authors. The Red Book Magazine with its one million, two hundred thousand regular readers is not only a "A Book Beautiful," but possesses at the same time, one of the largest circulations in the world. As its scope has broadened and its excellence and subscriptions have increased, there has developed a corresponding anxiety on the part of the greatest story writers to be considered in its plan until now The Red Book Magazine can call upon men and women in the commanding stations of literature. You will find stories in The Red Book Magazine during the coming months signed with world applauded names—the best and the most recent stories these authors have achieved, not published because of the fame of the men or women who wrote them, but because they display sufficient power and originality to have merited eager acceptance from a tyro. And, at the same time, we shall continue to surprise you with unfamiliar contributors whose initial work compels our recognition.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE WILL HAVE TEN GREAT STORIES, EACH OF WHICH IS MORE THAN WORTH THE PRICE OF ALL. For instance, there is "Who Calls," the latest story Sir Gilbert Parker has written, in which that famous novelist returns to the scenes of his first and greatest literary conquest—the barren lands of the frozen north where the blood of men must gallop else they die, and where the great problems of life are solved on tablets of snow. In striking contrast is a story of the artificial world of the theatre entitled "Jerry," in which Mrs. Jacques Futrelle proves that all the literary cleverness of her family is not centered in her brilliant husband. Then there is a story of a bad man's redemption, the best Western story The Red Book Magazine has ever published; an air-ship story that may not be so much imaginative as at first appears; a story of a dream and a reincarnation; a love tale of the Hudson, stories of childhood and of motherhood—stories for everyone. In a word they represent entirely different schools of Fiction, and share with each other only the one likeness of being the best tale possible to secure in each class. Among those writers whose names are known wherever the best of fiction is read and whose latest and best short tales await publication in The Red Book Magazine are, Sir Gilbert Parker, Jack London, Baroness von Hutton, Richard Washburn Child, Ethel Watts Grant, Anne Warner, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, Alfred Henry Lewis, Brand Whitlock, William R. Lighton, Mrs. Jacques Futrelle, E. Phillips Oppenheim, Ralph D. Paine, and as many more.



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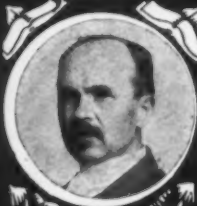
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Finally there is the distinctly pictorial side

Of late years the camera has given the brush and pencil a great race, and on certain courses the camera appears to have won. This race will largely be confined to *The Red Book Magazine* henceforth, and in order to give zest to the sport, the co-operation of our foremost American illustrators has been sought. Whether they will succeed by the charm of their work, in detracting any interest from the unequalled examples of photographic art published monthly in the portrait section of the Magazine remains to be seen. At any rate the contest is worth while, and that it may be a flat race, the work of those illustrators whose art gives to the American magazines a great share of their popularity, will appear month after month. Among the artists who now have illustrations in hand are N. C. Wyeth, Edmund Frederick, Will Crawford, Gordon Grant, Jay Hambidge, Henry Raleigh, May Wilson Preston, Arthur Dove, Frederick J. Mulhaupt, Irma Dereumaux, Frederick de Forrest Schook, John W. Norton, and W. H. D. Koerner. So it becomes apparent that the excellence of the stories enumerated will be pictorially accentuated by the best of illustrations, especially so in that in each case the artist best qualified to do the work has been selected. The striking pictorial contrasts that each issue of the Magazine will possess are obvious. Pretty girls, strong men, society, the windswept plains, the mountains, childhood and parenthood will all be visualized in *The Red Book Magazine's* illustrations.



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HENRY RALEIGH



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BEGINNING WITH THE ISSUE FOR SEPTEMBER—ON SALE, AUGUST 23RD, WHEREVER MAGAZINES ARE SOLD,—THE PRICE OF THE RED BOOK MAGAZINE, WHICH, WE BELIEVE, WILL PROVE THE MOST INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING HUMAN INTEREST PERIODICAL IN AMERICA—WILL BE FIFTEEN CENTS A COPY, OR ONE-DOLLAR-AND-A-HALF A YEAR.

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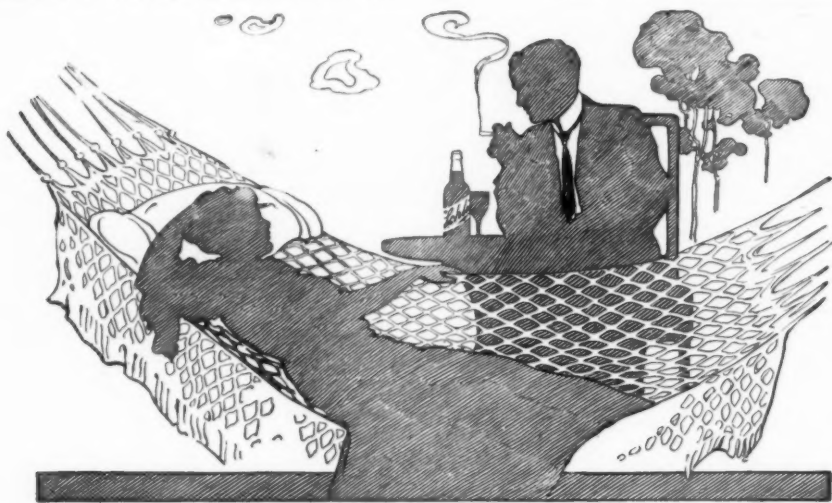
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A bottle of Schlitz at bedtime induces sleep.

In every way the drinking of beer is good for you, providing the beer is pure. It is only the wrong beer that leads to bad after effects and to biliousness.

Schlitz beer is pure. We spend more on purity than on all other costs of our brewing. Even the air that cools it is filtered. And every bottle is sterilized.

There is all the good of beer, and none of the harm, in Schlitz.

Schlitz

*Ask for the Brewery Bottling.
See that the cork or crown is branded Schlitz.*

The Beer That Made Milwaukee Famous



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Nearly Wrecked by Coffee.

"When I was 15 years of age," writes a Kans. man, "I was stout, healthy and robust, with a clear complexion and steady nerves."

"At that time I was put on my grandfather's farm. We ate breakfast by lamp-light and he had me take an extra cup of coffee as it 'would be a long time till dinner.'"

"I soon began to have an uneasy feeling in my stomach and did not sleep well nights. Always proud that I had been able to outrun any boy in the neighborhood, I was now pained to find that I could not run half the usual distance without having to stop and gasp for breath."

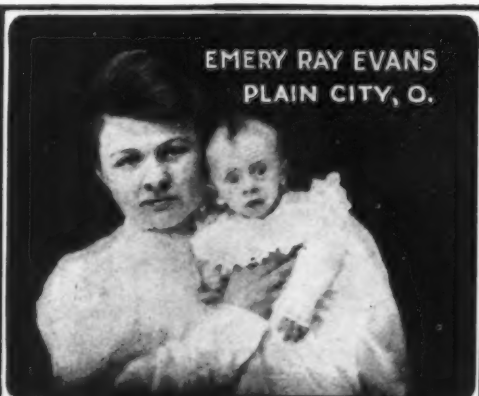
"My cheerful disposition gone, I became cross, nervous, irritable. So bloated, I could not breathe well lying down. Unable to think clearly, I feared I was losing my mind. This continued for some time as I did not realize the cause. Finally one doctor told me I must quit coffee, and he prescribed

POSTUM

"When I learned how to make it right (directions on pkgs.) it tasted delicious, and in a short time I noticed I could sleep better, think more clearly and the bloating went down. Now I am a sound young man and look upon Postum as a capital support for nerves weakened by coffee."

"There's a Reason"

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STARVING TO DEATH

The two pictures of Emery Ray Evans tell at a glance what

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did for him.

His mother says: "Three doctors said he could not live, and his case was known for ten miles around Plain City. We tried nearly all of the prepared foods, but they did not help him. Finally, a fourth doctor recommended Eskay's Food when he was so low that we could scarcely tell he breathed."

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If your baby, or your friend's baby, needs better nourishment, we shall be glad to send a generous free sample of Eskay's Food and our helpful book, "How to Care for the Baby."

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Something new — only scientific garment of the kind ever invented. Combines solid comfort and ease with "fine form" and elegant appearance in the home, on the street, and in society — **Always drapes evenly in front and back** — no bulkiness — no draw-strings — no lacing — no ripping or basting. — **Can be worn the year round.**

Made in several styles, and at prices lower than you can buy the material and have them made at home.

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TOILET TALCUM
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*As Dainty as the
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**ASK FOR
Forty-seven-eleven.**

A perfect powder,
possessing antiseptic
qualities, and deli-
cately perfumed
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SOLD EVERYWHERE.

A weather forecast



The first cool evenings forecast the hard, dull bitterness of coming Winter. You can regulate your own weather in your own home—make June of January. Every weather change, even in this capricious climate, is overcome

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AMERICAN & IDEAL RADIATORS & BOILERS

for Hot-Water and Low-Pressure Steam heating. This will interest particularly those who do not like to rise in a cold room—and those who enjoy a comfortably warmed bath-room—and those who

like to begin the day right in a cozily warmed breakfast-room—and those who know what it means to have warm corners and warm floors for children's play—and those who know how much cold halls cost them each winter in discomfort and doctors' bills—and everybody else who lives in a climate like ours, where twelve hours often makes the difference between Florida and Greenland.

Whether you live in a three-room flat, or cottage, or a ninety-room mansion—whether your building is OLD or new—FARM or town—our outfits of IDEAL Boilers and AMERICAN Radiators are so simple to put in and to run, so moderate in price, so clean and sanitary that you cannot longer afford to put up with the old-fashioned wasteful, unhealthful heating.

ADVANTAGE 14:—AMERICAN Radiators are made in 31,350 sizes and shapes for various uses; detachable legs for carpeted floors; warming ovens for dining-rooms; with ventilating attachments; to fit under low windows, and under bay-window seats; narrow models for halls and bath-rooms; giants for storm vestibule or outer halls; in fact, just the radiator for each particular place that needs one.

Our book tells all about them (and all about the IDEAL Boilers). You will need it to choose the models from. Mailed free. Write now, before Winter—not then, when it's here. Offices and warehouses in all large cities.



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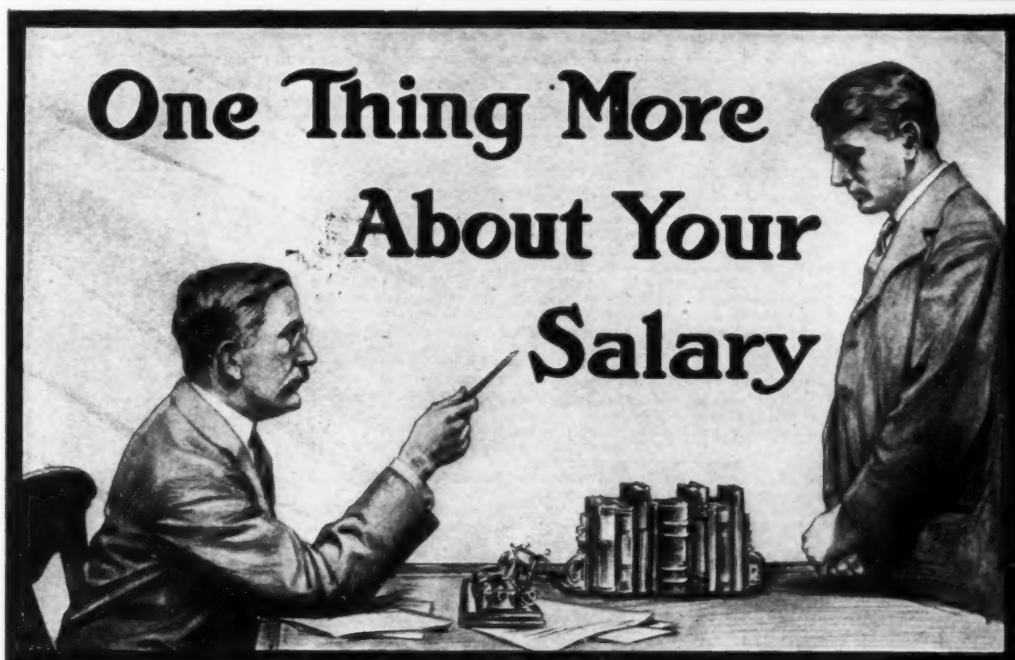
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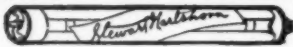
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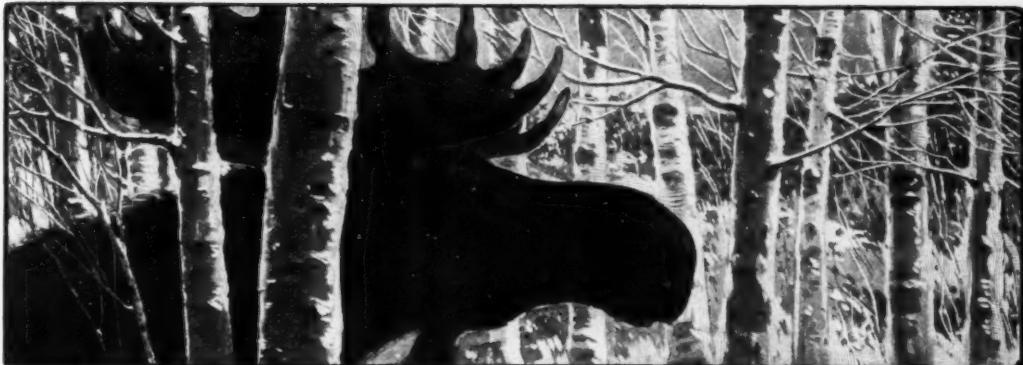
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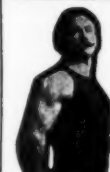


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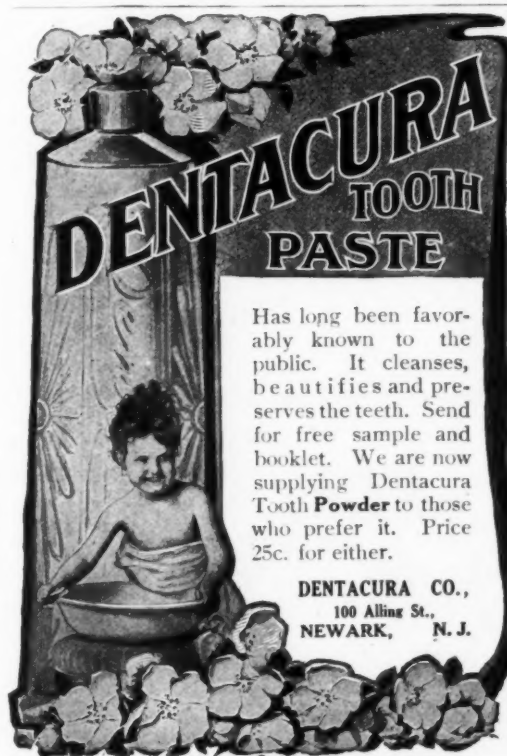
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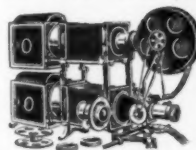
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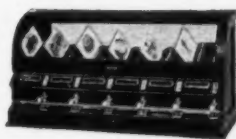


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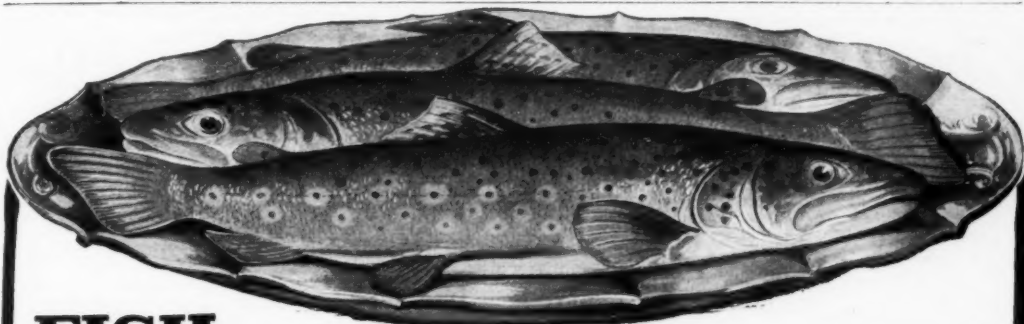
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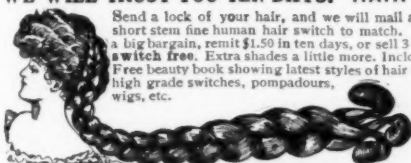
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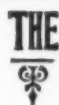
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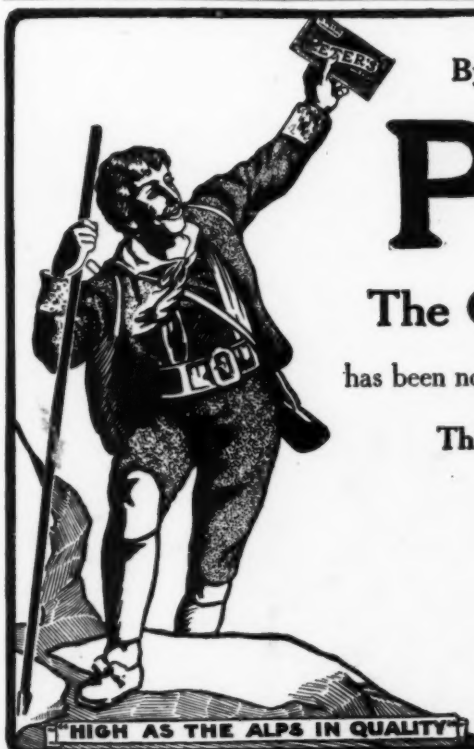
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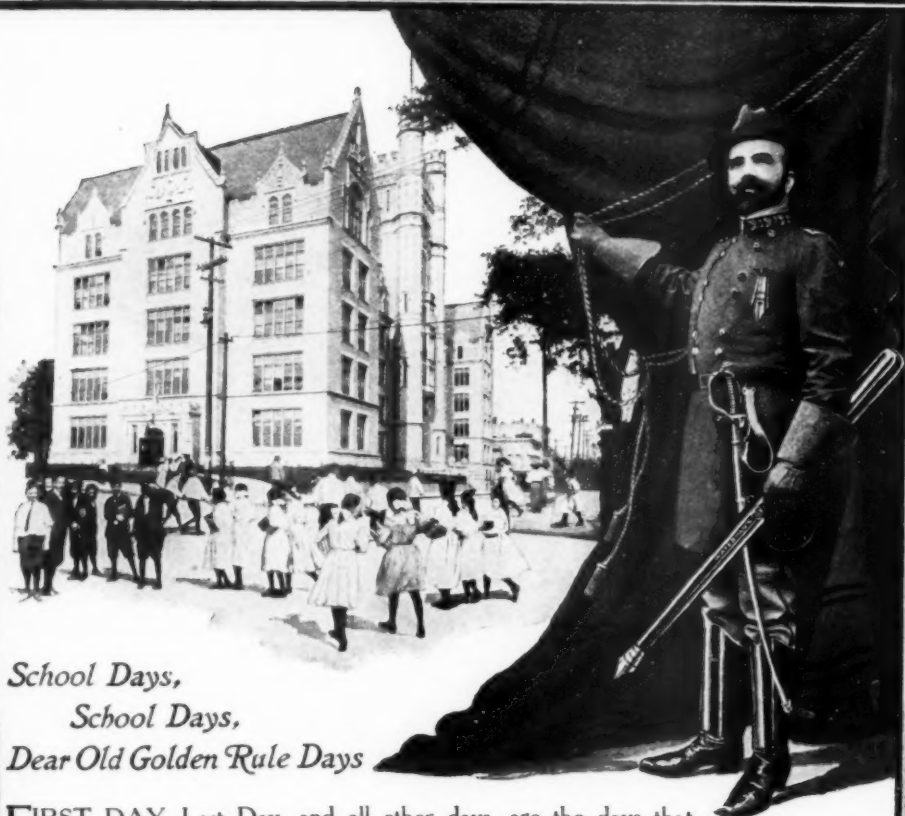
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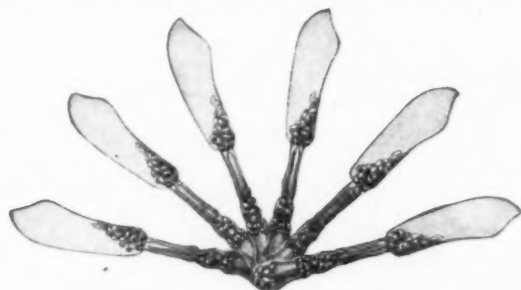
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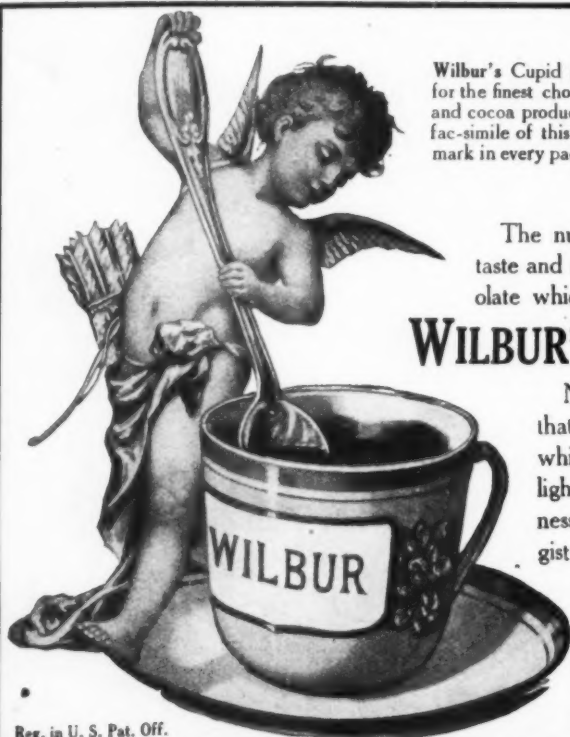
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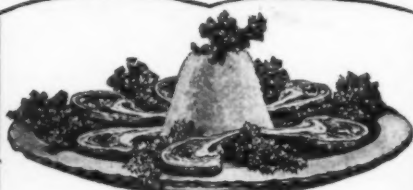
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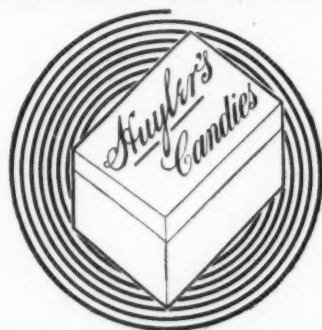
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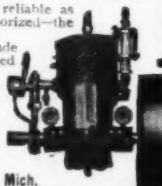
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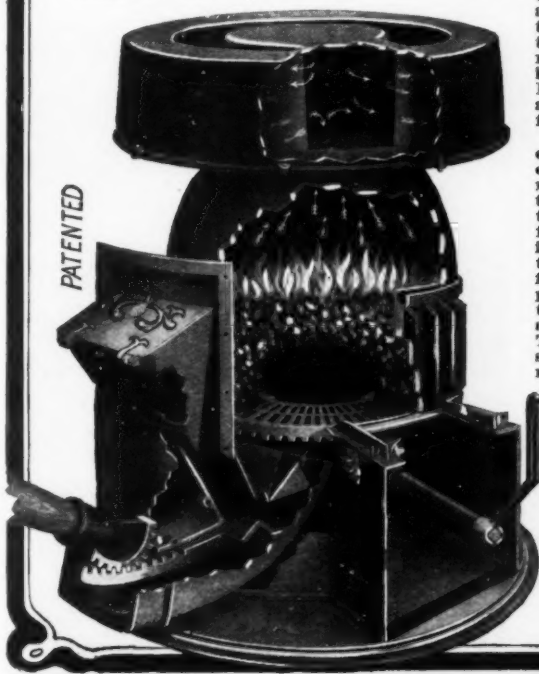
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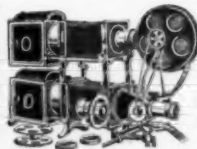
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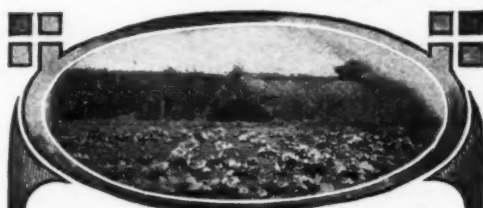
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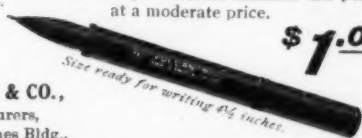
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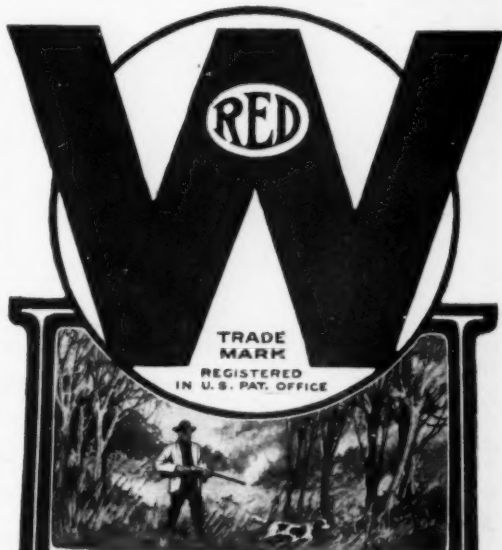
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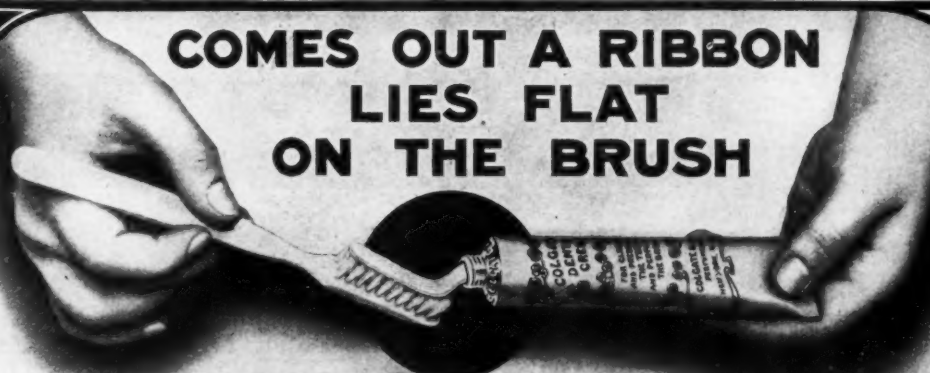


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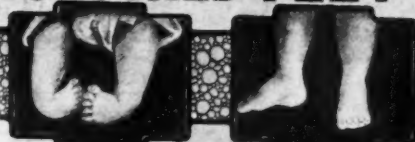
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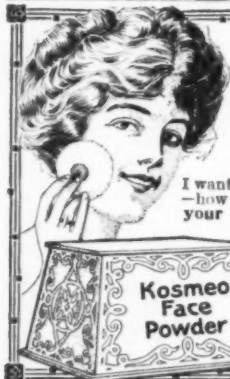
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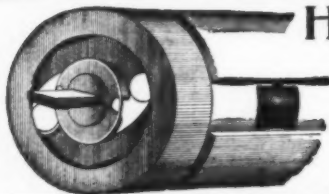
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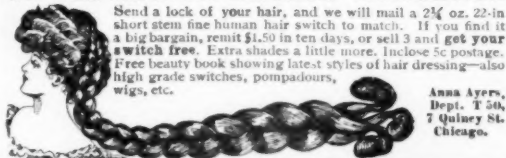
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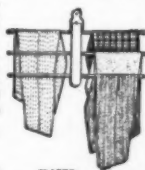
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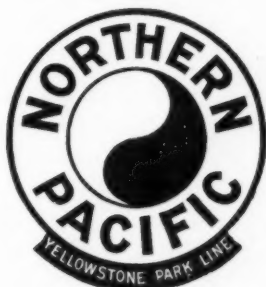
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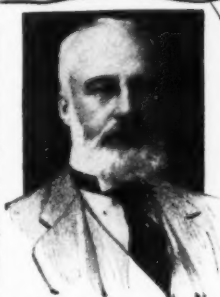


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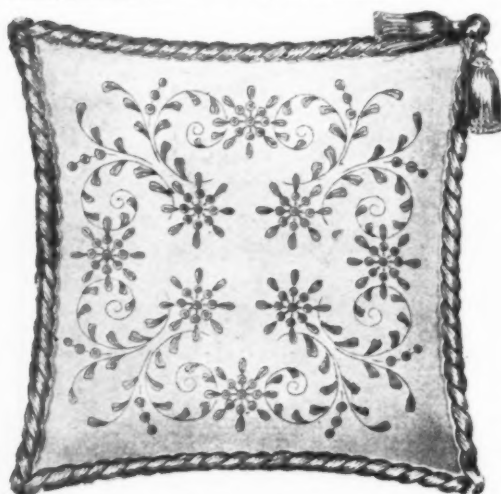
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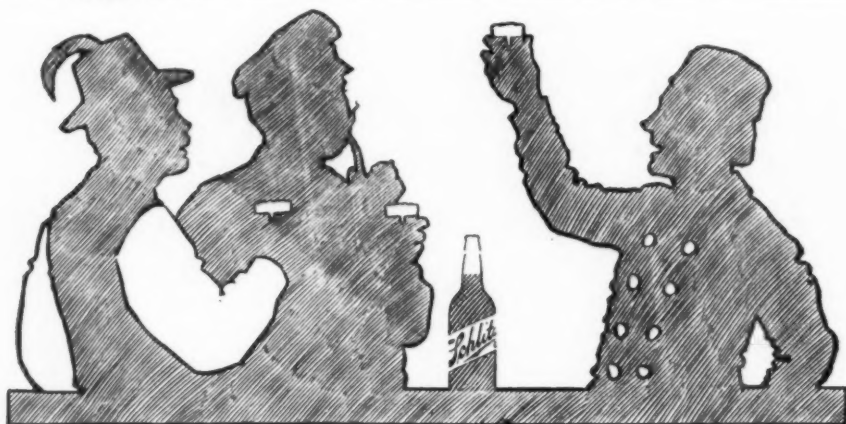
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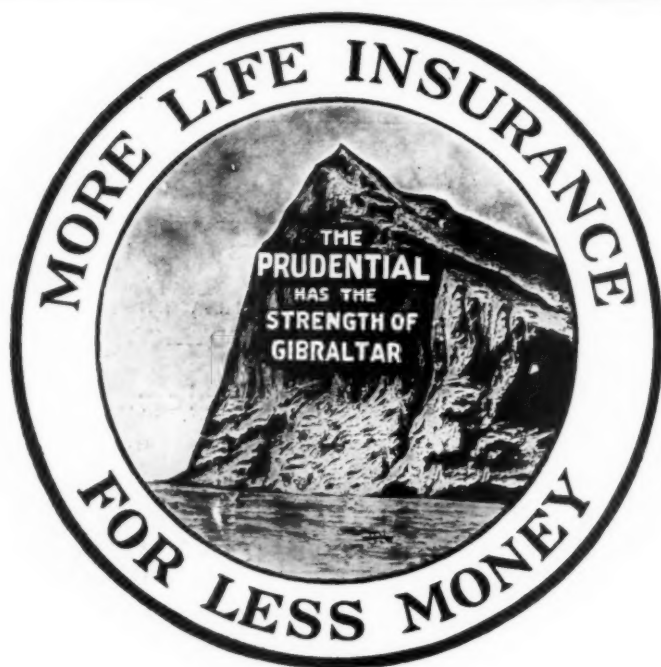
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In 1905 he revisited the Philippines, and in 1906 he became provisional Governor of Cuba, reestablishing peace in that island. In 1907 he visited Panama, Cuba, and Porto Rico, and last year he returned once more to Manila to keep his promise to open the first insular Congress.

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Before the beginning of his legislative career, he was mayor of his native city, Utica, New York. In Congress, he first won attention by careful study of the nation's wards, the Indians. He rose gradually to the chairmanship of the Indian Affairs Committee, and then to leadership on the floor.

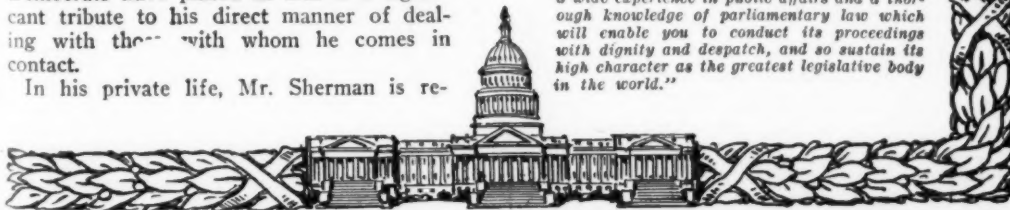
As a business man and a lawyer, he was recognized as of the look-you-in-the-eye type. Mr. Sherman carried that idea into politics, and the success he has achieved and the confidence both Republicans and Democrats have placed in him is a significant tribute to his direct manner of dealing with the with whom he comes in contact.

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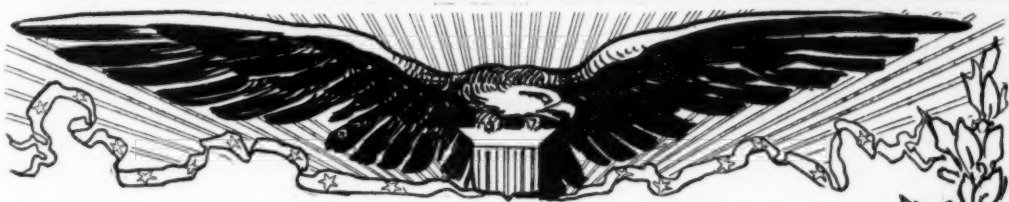
The Republican party aided Mexico to establish the gold standard, thereby creating new and safe openings for American capital.

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|--------|-------------------|--------------|
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| 1877.. | 97,000,000 | 27,000,000 |
| 1887.. | 47,000,000 | 75,000,000 |
| 1897.. | 37,000,000 | 141,000,000 |
| 1907.. | 24,000,000 | 139,000,000 |

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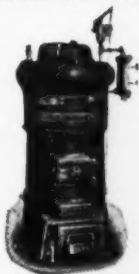
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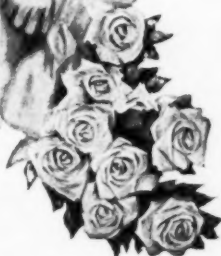
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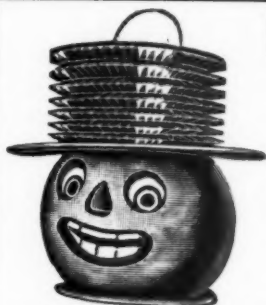
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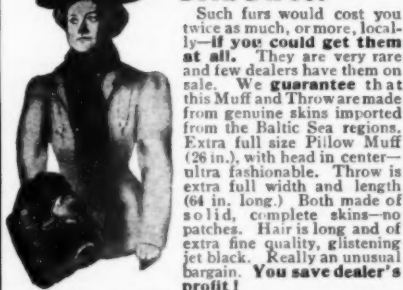



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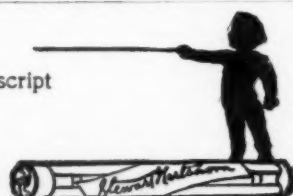
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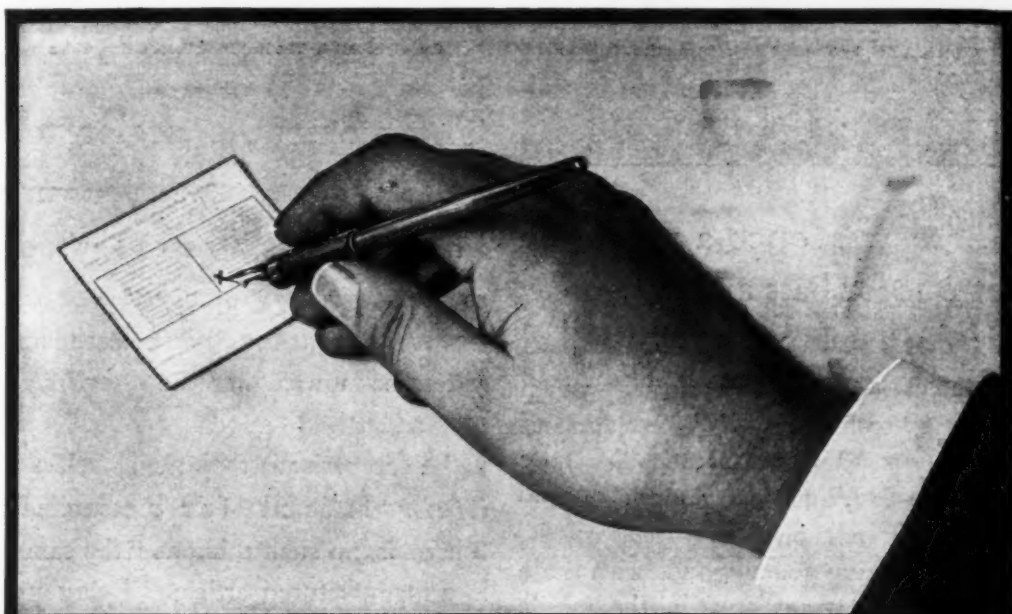
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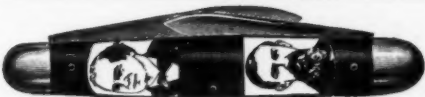


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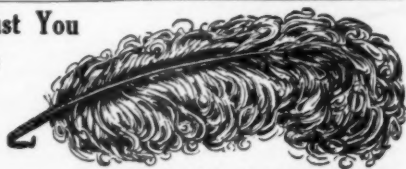
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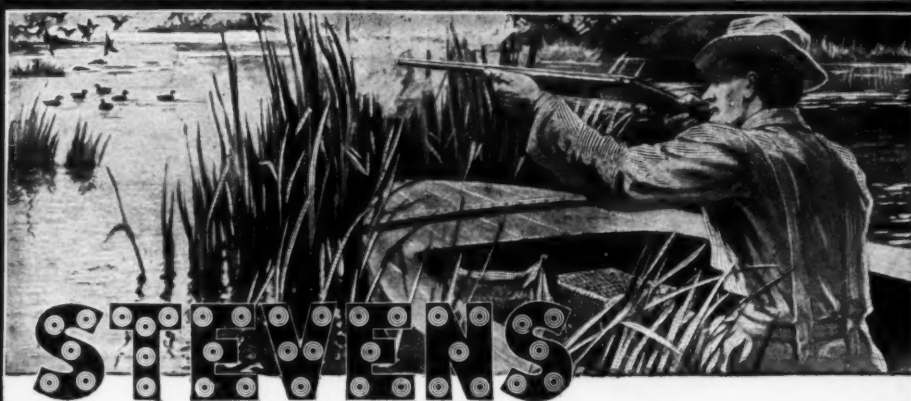
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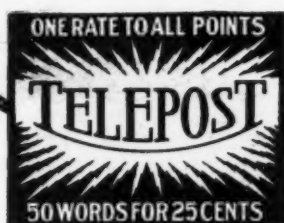
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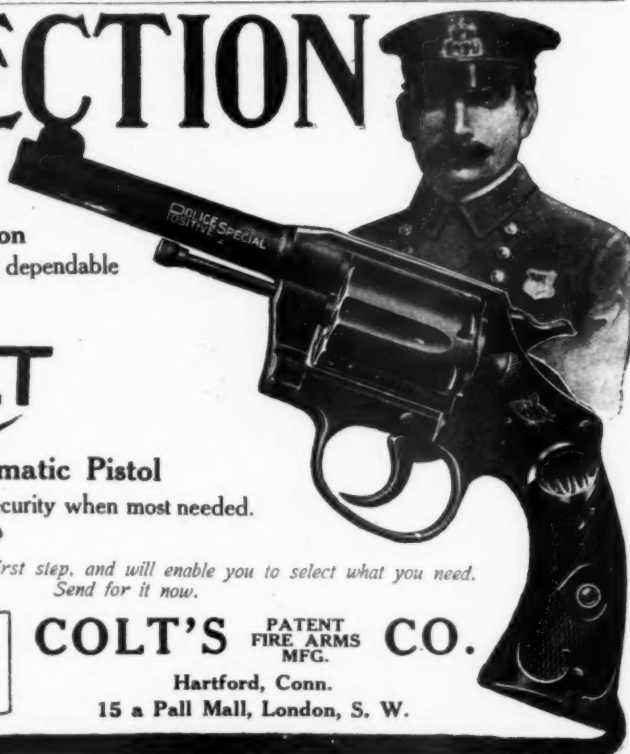


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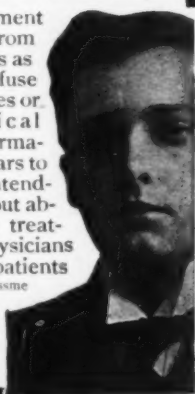
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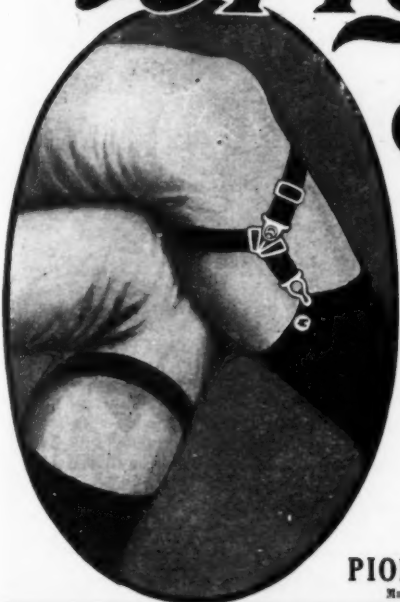
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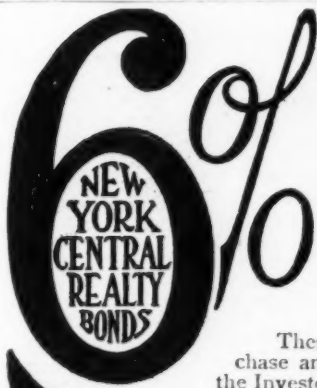


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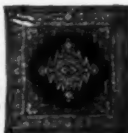
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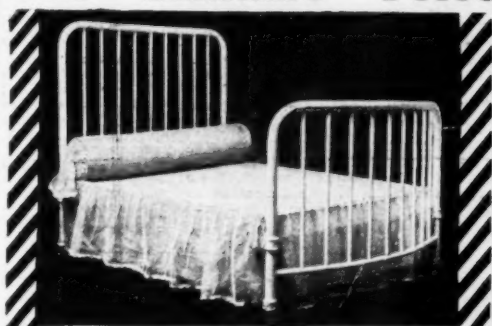
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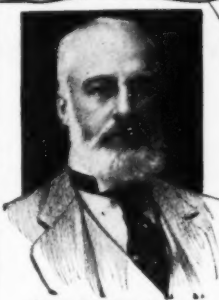
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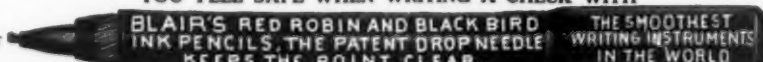
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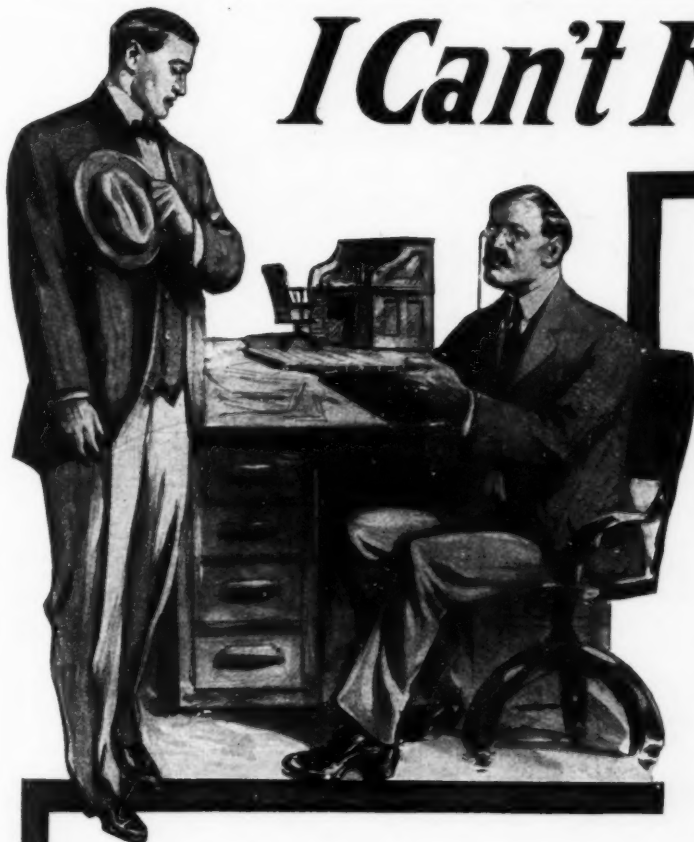
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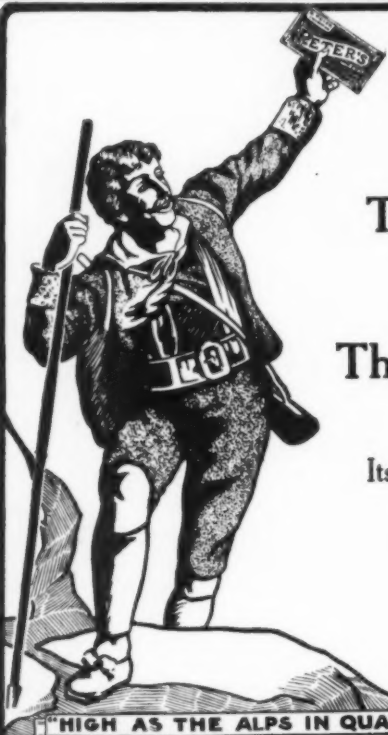
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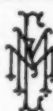
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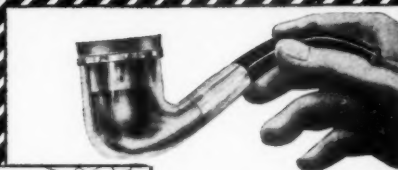
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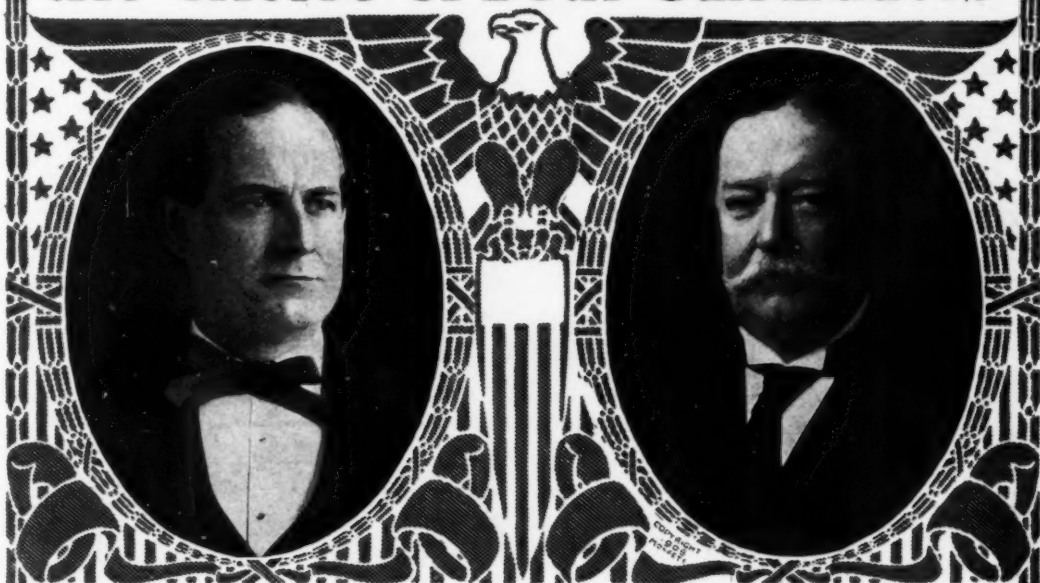
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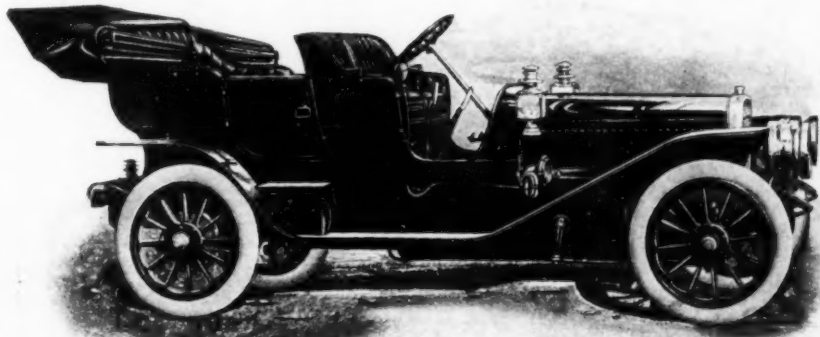
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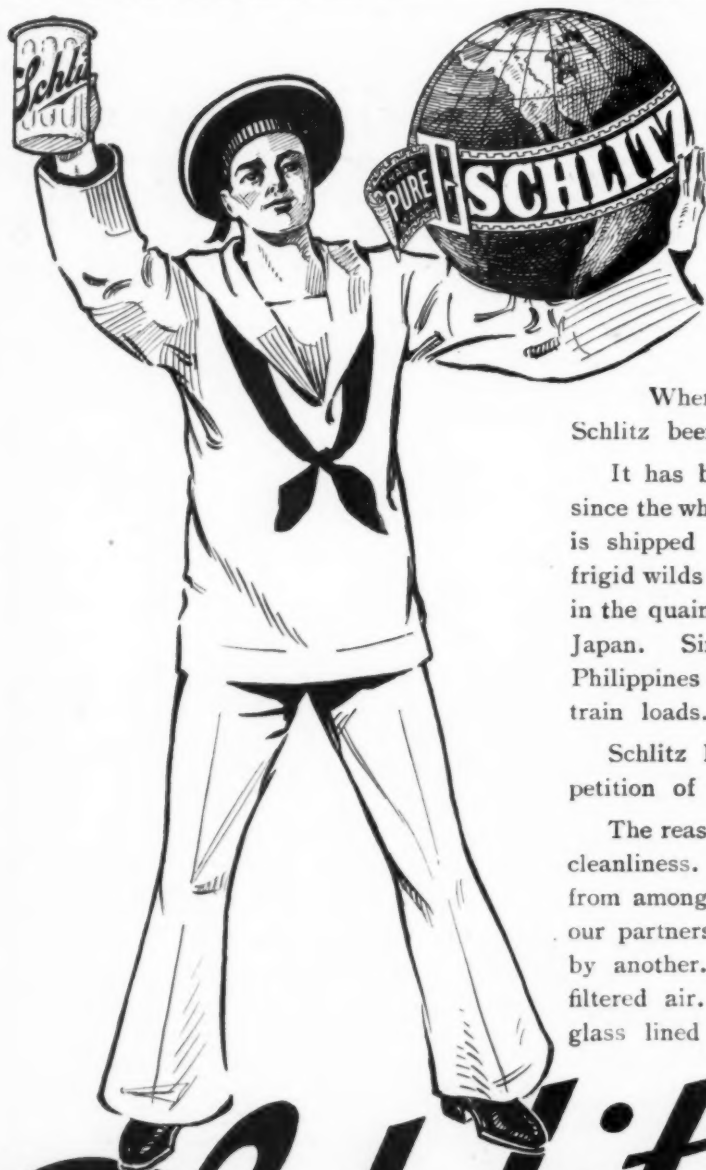
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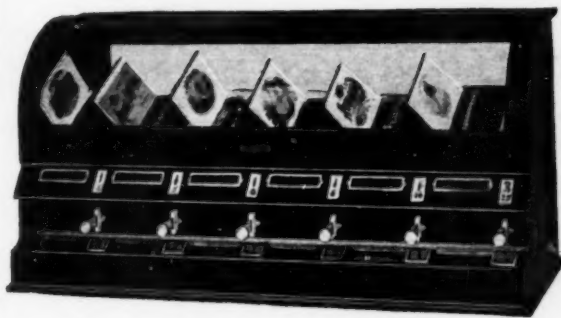
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